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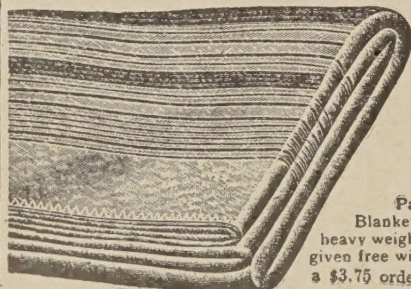
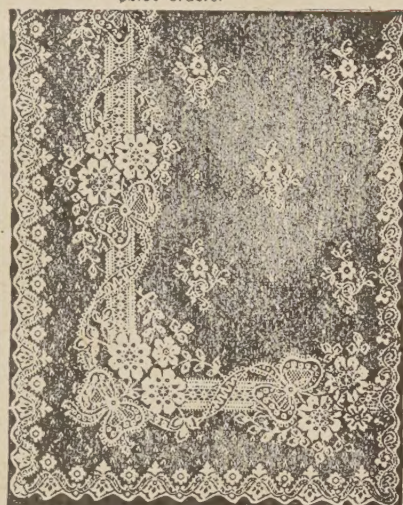
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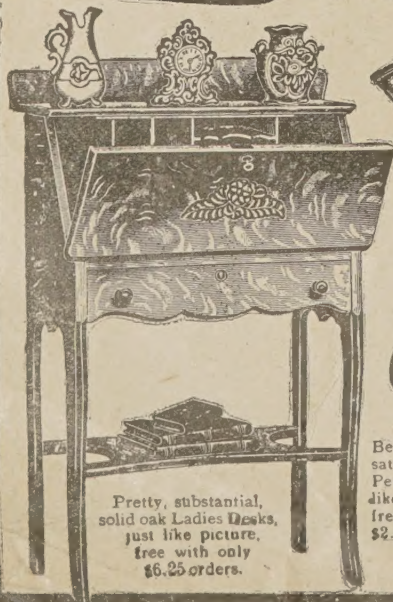
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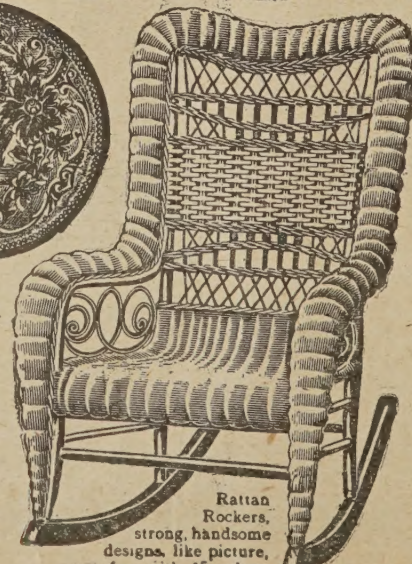


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Household Department, Clever Ideas, Fashions, and Various Other Items for Use and Amusement.

An Interesting Letter

I was very pleased to read your article: "The Story of the Christmas Rose," to which I can add a little information.

Samuel Barlow, Esq., of Stakehill, Lancashire, England, was the first to produce the hybrid Hellebore. It was seventeen years before he produced his first flower, and I have had handed down to me the "Queen's Jubilee Gold Medal," 1887, for his display of his own production.

He was a great florist, especially in regard to tulips, and won more national cups in his day than all other florists put together. He was a great lover of nature, and encouraged cottage gardening all within his power. His influence for good among working people by creating a love for flowers was immense; his whole surrounding district was cottage and garden, and many of the people were expert gooseberry growers. Shows for vegetables and flowers were held frequently, and he encouraged all these.

When he was but a boy he began exhibiting flowers, etc., himself, and won so many copper kettles (the usual prizes) that his immense kitchen ceiling was covered with these suspended trophies. It was always his custom to give one of these prize kettles to his employees on their wedding day.

This love of excelling in flower and vegetable growing was contagious through his example, and there were many followers. I wish we could see the same spirit of sweet rivalry among working people here, increasing small edens or even window boxes.

Our season is long and climate good, better than the conditions under which he labored so successfully.

Respectfully yours,

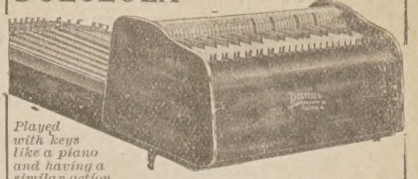
RICHARD BARLOW,
(his nephew).

Massachusetts.

[Samuel Barlow, Esq., was, as above stated, a noted English horticulturist. He was for many years Secretary and Treasurer of the Royal National Tulip Society, and was not only the acknowledged leader of the tulip fancy, but a most successful tulip grower and breeder. At one tulip show he was awarded nearly thirty prizes, and in 1883 it was said that he had the finest collection of tulips in Europe. He was also a noted cultivator of Auriculas.—Ed.]

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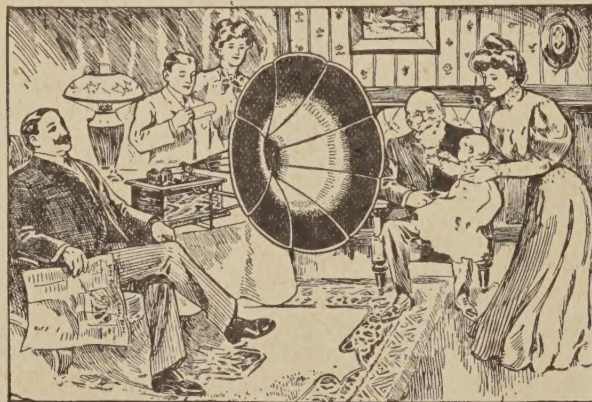
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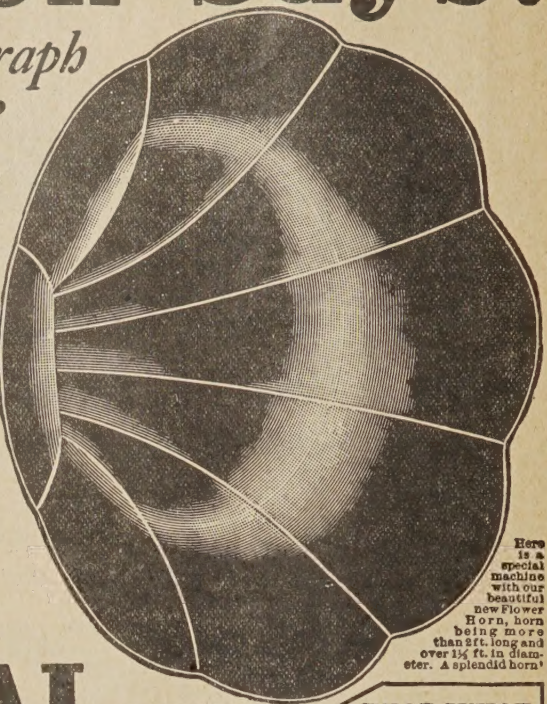
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R. O. Woods, Mattoon, Ill.

Read also what the Editor of this paper says in the first column of this page.





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My Winter Garden

By Henrietta S. Breck

THE unaccustomed eyes that look upon our California rose-fetes and rhapsodize over our gorgeous winter-gardens, the gentle winds, the blue sky, the wooing sun seem cause enough for such prodigality. The wise gardener smiles his acknowledgement to climate and soil, but says never a word about the unceasing vigilance, the endless toil, the forethought, the patience, the failures that make his roses and his garden what they are. Why should he? They who know nothing of his art would not understand, and they who do, have already guessed the secret of his success. For Nature stands only a little more ready to help and teach the earnest student here than elsewhere; she does not do all the work; her fiat is just as inexorable, "Unless ye sow ye shall not reap." And so, if we give nothing back to the soil that yielded us so much last year, if we are niggardly with the water earth has stored up for us against the day of drought, if we neglect the timely use of the pruning-knife, California gardens will be pathetic, unsightly places except during a very brief season.

The amateur, at first, merely suspects this. His capital is a great admiration for flowers, and his working knowledge, a boundless enthusiasm. Moderate success transmutes the admiration into love, and many failures temper the enthusiasm into a calm, painstaking perseverance. Thus he learns his first lesson, and ever after he holds fast the hand of the great teacher, Nature, following where she leads with trusting yet watchful eyes.

This same amateur to insure winter blooming, will select as early as July certain of his rose trees that are hardy, tried and reliable, like some of the Hybrids and all the Chinas whose brilliant red makes grateful bits of color in dark, dull days, and he will single these out for studied neglect. No drop of water must moisten their parched roots or stems and all straggling buds are ruthlessly snipped off. If they were sentient, no doubt we should hear rebellious murmurings against such unfair discrimination, for we are prone to impute our own feelings and thoughts to these creatures of our care, and we are a little glad, all in the way of poetic justice, that when they lift their flower laden branches to sport with the merry winter winds and to receive the praise of all beholders, that the summer bloomers in their turn stand bare and unnoticed.

But withholding water is only half the secret of splendid Christmas roses. When September comes with its whisperings of change, its presaging of storms, it imparts something of its restlessness to the heart of the gardener. He wanders through the sunbaked paths, now gathering seeds of aster and poppy, now tying flaunting chrysanthemum, cosmos, and dahlia to protecting stakes. But watch him and you will see that his attention stays again and again to those neglected bushes, that he scans the color and form of every dweller in his domain with the coldest of critical eyes, and his note-book is in constant requisition. It is to this judgment, this foresight that the unending loveliness of his garden is due. Yet he

takes no active steps until he hears a signal that he has learned to trust; so, while he plans and waits, his eager ears are listening. At last, some morning, just as day is breaking it comes—the soft, sad, long-drawn triple notes of the golden-crowned sparrow. In a trice the gardener is on his feet, and when the breakfast bell rings it interrupts the busy clip-clip of the pruning shears.

To turn this labor of pruning over to a hireling is not to be thought of by the true rose-lover. At first, indeed, thinking it an occult art, you will have watched the mutilations by a "professional," to find later that your protestations were right, your instincts just. Since then you have gone your own way, learning by mistakes, emboldened by success, until now with sure hand you trim weak, sunburnt wood away, cutting back each stem to an out-looking eye so near to the main stalk that the bloom shall be long-stemmed and firm on its support to withstand the rude tossings of wintry weather. But the question of producing strong, fine flowers is only half the art of pruning and that the least important half, since the roses, alas, faded quickly; the greater thought will be given to what form these half denuded trees shall have when clothed in the vigorous new growth you are helping them attain. Already you have ascertained that Nature, free, never creates save in exquisite proportions, and so with each incision you call to mind the lovely sweetbriar rose, or some other "wilding wayside bush," and ponder length and direction of each probable branch. So pruning to the amateur is a long but thoroughly satisfactory process upon which the delight of his harvest depends.

When every tree set apart for the winter garden has been gone over, it remains to water plentifully, to turn the soil deeply and give it abundant dressing from the stable. Within a week the plant is covered with tiny red specks—new stems and foliage. Thus quickly does Nature aid your efforts in "this land by the western sea."

Such is the secret of our winter roses. By Thanksgiving the early rains and warm October days have forced some dozens of the finest buds of the year, and these you cut together with one-half your smilax that diligent training, mulching, and watering have brought to measure itself by yards, to furnish decora-

tion for the holidays. At Christmas, still larger triumphs are yours, for the smilax has increased to astonishing length, often fourteen or fifteen feet, and big as your arm, and you have roses enough and to spare for improvident neighbors. Besides these the violets that were so carefully separated last June, enriched and watered through the dry months, now are bursting into bloom, and yield all that one can pick till spring, while the sweet spikes of mignonette are everywhere lifting themselves from the carpet of green that has been weaving itself all over the place since the first rain.

February hears the pruning shears again for summer roses. Now one may cut unsparingly, for the plants are full of vigor from the saturated ground and heavy mulching, so that almost instantly new growth appears. Of all times this is the best to transplant, and the note-book kept diligently throughout the year furnishes the data for the necessary changes. Everyone knows that in some gardens, as in some homes, he feels perfectly at ease, yet if asked he could not, perhaps, tell the reason. The chances are it would result from two things—harmony of color and fine proportion, for nothing else produces such satisfaction. In this respect the amateur's garden is apt to be much more pleasing than the professional's, since what he knows of art comes to his aid when his instinct declares something amiss. That something in most cases will be a wrong juxtaposition of colors. In my garden are some one hundred and fifty varieties of roses, ranging in shades of yellow from the tinge in the heart of Monsieur La Marck to the intense copper of Shirley Hibbard, and through every tone of red from the faint blush on Mad. Bozanquet's cheek to the dark Black Prince. A very large proportion of the best roses shade on pink, and many of them cannot endure each other. It is obvious, then, that instead of a hit-or-miss planting the greatest care must be exercised to bring out the individual beauty of each rose either by contrast or blending of shades. One can't always tell this with new plants, perhaps with none until they have stood the test of a season or so, but having ascertained that one detracts from another instead of enhancing its value, it only remains to study color tones by grouping the various blooms until the right combinations are found, and then at this propitious

season to transplant them, attending at the same time to the size of the bush, for some roses grow into perfect trees and others can never be made taller than a foot or two, wherein lies the great chance of the artist-amateur.

If February be normal, it is the gem of all the year. The boisterous winds are tired and rock themselves gently in the tree-tops, or sink to sleep on the violet beds, or sigh in a lazy way to the mignonette and roses, the crocuses and daffodils. No breath of cloud rests in the azure overhead, and the purified air is tonic to brain and body. Lowell's June Days have been born out of time and in a strange land, but, oh, the welcome they receive! Every songster gives them greeting with a spontaneity that tells of its sincerity. Honey-bees, bumble-bees, humming-birds, but,



A Japanese Gateway

terflies, trying their wings, glint and waver and flutter among the flowers. And such flowers, such fragrance! as if Nature, freed from all responsibility in the rest of her dominions gave herself up to the vast joy of unstinted, unlimited creation of lovely blossoms. She invites you to go into canyons, into hidden ravines, to sunny hill-slopes, to the depths of the forest, to learn how she lays her color on, to note the freedom of her shrubs, to see the sweep of her garden beds.

Home we go with wider eyes, with humbler hearts, with deeper reverence and worship. From afar the golden-tasseled acacia greets you with its sweet scent. It was in summer that faint yellow-green buds peered cautiously out of each tuft of leaves; slowly, very slowly they grew, enfolded and blind to the alluring summer days. Now look at them,—countless balls of sunshine, gleaming nuggets of gold, that cast themselves upon you as you pass, and fall beneath your feet, or fill to the brim those upheld chalices in the Calla bed.

But the marvel of our Winter Garden remains still

to see,—a Bouquet d'Or rose that clammers over the southeast corner of the house. For three months after the early rains, the changeful winds toss the clouds back and forth through the Golden Gate for the painting of matchless dawns and sunsets. Then this vine that has but one opportunity in the year to prove its worth, one blooming time, draws into its slowly forming buds, in a way known only to itself, all this beauty so that, when the clouds are gone and the sun rises above the rim of eastern hills, the whole great miracle of delicate and gorgeous coloring is displayed on the petals of these roses. Hundreds upon hundreds of blossoms crowd upon the pendant branches, no two of them alike. For some are gold, some crimson, some are splashed with gold and barred with crimson; and there are pinks, and pearls, and mauves, and bronzes,—an indescribable mass of mingled, bewildering color. Verily, here the tints of the morning and the evening are captured and glorified, and the choicest rose in the garden is at its brightest and best.

Hiding the Lines—A Story for Wives

By Grace Golden

WOMEN will rule, so we may as well give up first as last," laughed Mr. Spencer, as he playfully yielded to his wife's request.

"That they will," said Mrs. Green, laughing, "and most of the men know it, though there are some women who hide the lines so skilfully their husbands never suspect they are being led. My husband says he is perfectly willing I should rule and guide him as I please, but I must always hide the lines. I confess it takes all my skill and past experience, sometimes, to keep the lines hid when things move slowly, but I find it always pays, so I don't have much trouble now-a-days."

The conversation drifted to other topics, and no one seemed impressed with Mrs. Green's words, but myself. To me they seemed to have a deep meaning, which I could hardly comprehend, and could not forget. They furnished food for thought for several days.

I have been married for six years, had a kind husband who loved me fondly and did everything to make home pleasant, as far as he could see, but I could sometimes see things which I thought could be bettered with a little different management; and had many times interfered and tried to have things my way, and had nearly succeeded when some impatient word had spoiled it all.

As I looked back on it, I wondered if hiding the lines meant not saying anything about "my way," but simply suggesting a thing, or wondering how it would be if tried this way or that, and then keeping so good-natured and lovable, my husband would never suspect but that it was just the way he had intended to have it.

These thoughts so filled my mind I determined that

I would see Mrs. Green and have a talk about it, as she was such a dear good soul, whom everybody loved.

It was not long before I saw her and this is her story as nearly as I can remember:

"It is ten years since we were married, and I can say for the last four or five years we have been as happy as mortals have any business to be in this mundane world. I don't know as my husband is different from other men; but I know I manage him nicely without any trouble.

"Soon after we were married, I found he had a nature that rebelled at the thought of being driven. He would put himself out of the way to do a favor for any one as much as any man I ever knew, but when it came to telling him what to do in a way that made him think he was to do it because you told him to, it wouldn't work worth a cent; consequently we had many little troubles.

"I was a petted, spoiled girl, whom my parents had made so by foolishly letting me have my own way until I came to think everything must bend to my will. But I loved my husband and knew he loved me, and for the sake of that love, I tried to be good and do right; but the little troubles would come, and come when I least expected them, which would almost break my heart for the time.

"So we lived for several years a life of—well as the Methodists say, a life of 'sinning and repenting' for, of course, after each little difficulty, I would acknowledge my wrong and beg to be forgiven.

"My husband was always willing to take a share of the blame, although I knew I was the one at fault; for you know if a man is cross and things go wrong, the wife is the one to smoothe them out, and make them right, instead of flying into a passion and making everything worse.

"One cold morning in February about five years ago, was what I call the turning-point. My husband was to go to town very early and called me to get breakfast as quickly as possible after the fires were made. But I did not get up as soon as I ought, and then there was nothing prepared over night, although I had known he was to go very early.

"I was a little cross at being called so early on so cold a morning, and perhaps did not move as quickly as I might have. At any rate long before I had breakfast ready, Henry was at the door ready to start as soon as he could eat.

"He was very much surprised to find that breakfast was not ready and expressed it in a way that did not improve my temper, and I answered him in no better humor. Soon he said: 'In town I can get a meal the same day I call for it.'

"Of course I thought this unjust, so I said provokingly: 'Can you so? Then that is the place for you to go provided you are very hungry.'

"I had no idea he would go, but he took down his overcoat, put it on, and, without a word, was gone.

"About an hour afterward, I sat at the breakfast table, trying amid tears, sobs, and silent reproaches, to crowd down a few mouthfuls, but it was too hard work; I gave it up entirely, and began to examine self.

"It is all my fault," I cried. "It always is my fault when things go wrong. If I had only prepared things last night, or got up earlier this morning, it would never have happened. Now he is gone. What shall I do?"

"For a long time I sat there thoroughly wretched. "At ten o'clock the last thing was done. The house never looked better and I was dressed with care. But now that the work was done, I began to be wretched again. I could not sew, and I did not know what to do. I tried to read but everything was so dull that I could not get interested.

"At last I took up a little book which had been brought from one church library entitled, 'How to be Happy or The Secret of Success.'

"Here I have it!" I exclaimed, and began greedily to devour its contents. It was four o'clock when I finished that book, but I think I learned more in that length of time how to live, than I had ever known be-



Golden-tassel Acacia

fore in my life. It was evident the writer had been there, or she never could have written words to reach one's heart as I found there.

"I went down on my knees and prayed for forgiveness, and asked for strength and courage to live the new life which I believed was now before me.

"I arose, kindled a fire in the kitchen stove and began to prepare for a nice tea, thinking Henry would be home at five. Everything was in readiness, and I was waiting anxiously to meet him and be forgiven, but he did not come.

"At length it occurred to me to do some of the evening chores by way of busying myself until he came. Wood and kindling were soon brought in, and then I went to the barn. I did everything I could see to do, and then went in and sat down to wait. Seven o'clock came and I was yet alone. No one had called, and I began to think I was forsaken indeed.

"It seemed to me the clock never ticked so slow as on this particular night, when I sat by the window straining my eyes in the darkness trying to catch a glimpse of my husband, and starting at every sudden noise. At length the clock struck eight. I uttered a groan. 'Can it be he will never come?' I cried in my anguish. And then I gave myself up to picturing all sorts of things that had happened to him, and I knew I should never see him again.

"And to think how we parted, I will never forgive myself, never. It is I who have killed him with my own carelessness," I wailed.

"There is no use trying to describe the next hour, for I cannot do it; but as the clock struck nine, and I realized I was alone, I thought, 'It will not be long,' for I surely thought I was dying.

"I don't know how long I sat there, but I have a faint recollection of seeing the door open and Henry's ghost coming toward me. I uttered a faint scream and fell forward. The next thing I knew I was in my husband's arms. He was kissing me passionately while tears were streaming down his cheeks.

"What is it," I exclaimed. But before he could answer, it all came back to me, and I was weeping too.

"You frightened me almost to death," he said, as soon as he could speak. "Why, such a look as you gave me when I opened the door, fairly took my breath. I could hardly believe it was you. You did not look one bit like yourself. And you do not look much better now," he added.

"I thought something had happened to you," I said, "and the way we parted made it all the harder to think of."

"Don't mention it, dear," he exclaimed, "I assure you I feel as much ashamed as you possibly can."

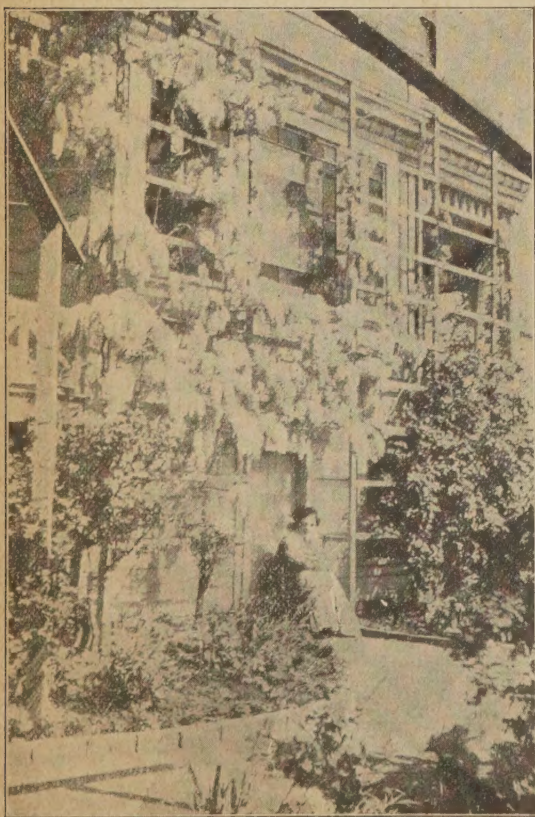
"Where did you get your breakfast?" I asked.

"Didn't have any. The fact is, I was so ashamed of myself that for a punishment I would not get any; so I waited and took an early dinner, and haven't had anything since. By the way, is supper ready? It must be late, nearly nine, isn't it?"

"Nine!" I exclaimed, "Tis after midnight. It must be almost morning."

"He looked at me in astonishment. 'What do you mean? I thought you had come back to the body. It certainly is not nine o'clock.'

"Oh, yes it is," I exclaimed, "it struck nine, hours ago."



Wistaria on a Trellis

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Successful Bee Keeping

Improvements in the Industry

By MARY H. NORTHEND

Illustrated by the Author

DOES bee raising pay? This is a question of the greatest importance to the many people, who, having the necessary facilities for it, yet hesitate to branch out in an industry of which they may know little. Anyone can raise bees successfully with a little care and common sense. The experience of a man who makes a hundred per cent a year in this investment is very interesting.

When Mr. George W. Adams, the owner of historical "Highfield," was presented with a swarm of bees fifteen years ago, he did not realize that a successful industry was about to develop under his care. He was recovering from an illness at the time and accepted the gift as a pleasant diversion for outdoor recreation. He found, however, as time progressed, that there were possibilities for serious work in bee culture, and so absorbing was his interest in the subject, that he was led into a scientific study of the life and habits of bees. The result was the growth of a paying enterprise.

From this small beginning of one swarm, Mr. Adams' apiary has increased to fifty hives. A busier and more entertaining spot is not to be found in the neighborhood of Byfield, Massachusetts. Arranged in a semi-circle in the apple orchard, these hives are protected in the rear by a hedge with a free space in front to give full scope to the winds, which is a natural advantage. However, Mr. Adams claims that the situation of hives does not make so much difference as is commonly supposed. To prove this theory, he cited two instances in which the bees sought their own quarters in commercial sections of cities. One of these showed that the greatest production of honey in a single year was obtained from the roof of a warehouse in Cincinnati; the other asserted the astonishing fact that a wonderful amount of honey in the comb was gathered from a colony of bees who made their home in Friend Street in Boston. The extensive parks of cities, each with its generous floral growth and therefore offering better bee pasture than many country districts, may be responsible for this unusual supply of honey in unexpected places. It is also true that the suburbs or confines of smaller towns, where little gardens flourish, give better results in bee-culture than may be expected in the open country.

A brief description of the swarm is not without value. The hive is composed of a queen, the mother of all her people; of thousands of workers; or neuters who are incomplete sterile females; and lastly of some hundreds of males from whom one shall be chosen as the sole consort of the queen. On her alone rests the burden of maternity and she lays from two to three thousand eggs a day.

The bees shortyear extends from April to the last days of September. The five

great episodes in the lives of these little creatures—all easily governed and controlled by man—are formation of the swarm; the birth, combat and nuptial flight of the young queens; the massacre of the males; and finally the return to the long sleep of winter.

To the layman, the most puzzling and sometimes alarming feature of bee raising is the handling of the bees themselves, but this is really very simple. In my presence Mr. Adams tore a hive to pieces and handled the bees with perfect fearlessness. He believes that bees become accustomed to one person, for while their sight is defective, their sense of smell is very acute. They are also timid creatures by nature, though they show anger and resentment if one of their number is carelessly crushed. It is a singular fact that they cannot tolerate dark clothing, while white coats and dresses do not disturb them. To handle them with impunity simply blow a slight smoke into the hive, and you have them at your mercy.

Mr. Adams shows his conservatism by cultivating the well-known Italian bees only. He prefers to cling to this dependable variety and await proof of the value of other kinds that are being considered by the bee raisers, confining his experiments to other departments of the industry. One of his hives is devoted to the raising of males only, while the production of drones is restricted in all the other hives. He raises Queen bees to supply his own hives and not for the market, although he sometimes furnishes eggs

to Mr. Alley, the famous queen bee specialist. He claims that cross-bred bees are not to be tolerated, no matter how valuable, and he does not hesitate to sacrifice a good queen if she produces cross eggs.

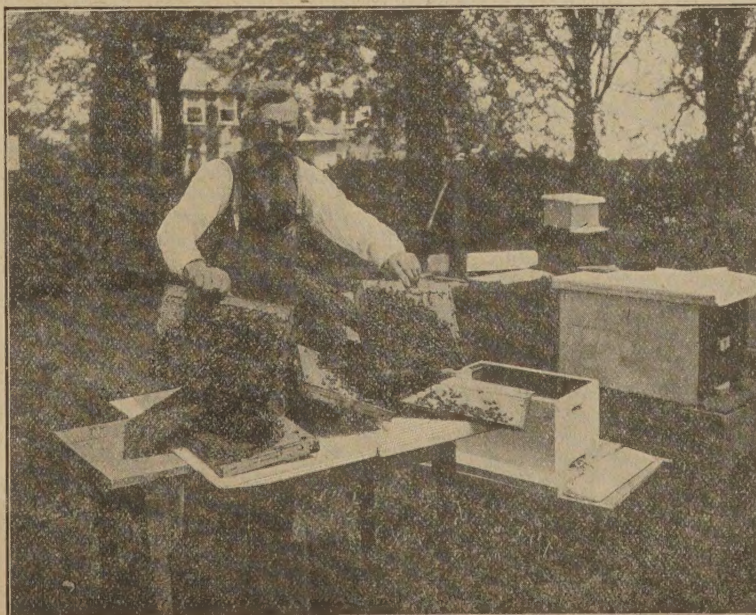
From the beginning Mr. Adams has sought to place the bee enterprise upon a commercial basis, making the bees pay for the money expended. According to his conclusions, drawn from practical experience, a farmer who equips himself with simple up-to-date fixtures, may realize a hundred per cent a year on an investment of ten dollars, provided, of course, he gives the same attention to his bees that he does to his poultry and other departments of his farm. He maintains that only half a dozen colonies are necessary to reap this reward, while labor and care, in excess of that number, mean more rapid propagation than profit. In discussing this phase of the industry, he said:

"I marvel that more farmers do not try the experiment of keeping bees. Of course they require careful handling and close study to insure success, but the production of honey is neither difficult nor laborious if the number of hives kept is commensurate with the amount of time an owner can spend upon them. Also the benefit to be derived from the aid of the bees in fertilizing fruit should be an added inducement to engage in their culture."

While all bee keepers, both amateur and professional, must understand certain rules in the management of their hives in order to be successful in the production of comb honey, few of them go as far as Mr. Adams who has entered into a scientific study of the fundamental principles underlying the work-a-day habits of bees. He has become an authority on the subject and besides being called upon to lecture at meetings of the Agricultural Society and Bee Associations, he has also added to the scientific investigation of this branch by the invention of interesting models and devices for the improvement of the industry. Among these (none of which have been patented, owing to the inventor's generosity and interest in the science) are the queen-introducing board contrivance and a hiving device. The former is designed for an eight-frame hive.

Of his models, the one that shows the working of a bee's tongue is remarkable. It is made of wood and shows the tongue magnified a hundred times, and also the under jaw and mouth parts. Rubber is used to represent the muscles in action.

Mr. Adams has given much attention to the study of drones, and has discovered some interesting facts about these peculiar little creatures. He has found that when he wishes to preserve them for dissection, he must cut their heads off as they will die in an hour if put into a box in their normal condition, while they live several days when be-



George W. Adams of "Highfield" uses neither veil nor gloves while at work among his bees

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The Tulip in Legend and History

By Florence Beckwith

THE TULIP holds a unique place in the history of plants. It has not only obtained attention on account of the beauty of its flowers, but it has been celebrated in legend and story from very early times, and has even affected commerce in a way that no other plant valued simply on account of its blossoms, has ever done.

This beautiful and celebrated flower is a native of the Levant. By some authorities the word tulip is thought to be derived from the Turkish name for the plant, *tulpent*, meaning a cap or turban. Other authorities trace it to Persia, where the flower is called *toliban*, which also means turban. The name was written *tulipan* by old authors, and Latinized as *tulipa*.

Not only does the Tulip grow wild in Turkey, but it has been cultivated in the gardens of that country from a very early period. Its popularity among the Turks has never waned, and a yearly festival of tulips is still held, when the grand seignior exhibits a display of oriental magnificence.

In Persia the blossom of the tulip is considered a charm against evil, as the possessor would never have to go bareheaded for want of a turban. In this oriental land where the tulip is so admired on account of its splendor and variety, from time immemorial it has been the emblem by which young Persians declare their affection. When a young man clad in the picturesque turban and flowing robes of this nation presents a tulip to a gentle maiden, he designs to convey to her the idea that like this flower he has a countenance all on fire and a heart reduced to a coal.

The first tulip seeds planted by Europeans were brought to Vienna in 1554 by the Austrian ambassador to Turkey, who reported that he first saw the flowers in a garden near Constantinople, and that he had to pay dearly for them. After the introduction of the seed to Vienna, the tulip became rapidly disseminated over Europe. It seems to have been introduced into England about 1577, and its cultivation must soon have become quite general.

In the "History of Plants" by the noted botanist Gerard, published in London in 1633, the author says: "The Tulipa or Dalmatian Cap is a strange and foreign flower, one of the number of flowers with which all studious and painful herbarists desire to be better acquainted, because of that excellent diversity of most brave flowers which it beareth. Notwithstanding my loving friend, Mr. James Garret, a curious searcher of Simples, and learned Apothecarie of London, hath undertaken to find out, if it were possible, their infinite sorts, by diligent sowing of their seeds and by planting those of his own propagation, and by others received from his friends beyond the seas for the space of twenty years, not being yet able to attain to the end of his travail, for that each new year bringeth forth new plants of sundry colors not before seen, all which to describe particularly were to roll Sisiphus stone or number the sands.

"I do verily think, that these are the Lilies of the Field mentioned by our Saviour, for he saith that Solomon in all his royalty was not arrayed like one of these. The reasons that induce me to think thus are these: First their shape, for their flowers resemble Lilies, and in these places whereas our Saviour was conversant they grow wild in the fields. Secondly the infinite variety of color which is to be found more in this than in any other sort of flower. And thirdly the wondrous beauty and mixture of these flowers. This is my opinion and these my reasons, which any may approve of or gainsay, as he shall think good."

The resemblance of a tulip blossom to a turban is not readily apparent to all. Gerard says: "After it has been some days flowered, the points and brims of the flower turn backward, like a Dalmatian or Turkish cap, called Tulipan, Tolepan, Turban and Turfan, whereof it took its name."

As for the value of the tulip otherwise than for its

blossoms, this same writer says: "There has not been anything set down of the ancient or later writers touching the Nature or Virtues of the Tulip, but they are esteemed specially for the beauty of their flowers. The roots preserved with sugar or otherwise dressed may be eaten, and are no unpleasant nor anyway offensive meat, but rather good and nourishing."

We read of the use of tulips in various rites and ceremonies which were observed in early times, and legends in regard to them have been handed down among the peasantry of the west of England. An interesting Devonshire pixy story runs as follows:

"Near a pixy field in this neighborhood, there lived on a time an old woman who possessed a cottage and a very pretty garden, wherein she cultivated a most beautiful bed of tulips. The pixies, it is traditionally averred, so delighted in this spot that they would carry their elfin babies thither and sing them to rest. Often at the dead hour of the night a sweet lullaby

was heard, and strains of the most melodious music would float in the air, that seemed to owe their origin to no other musicians than the beautiful tulips themselves. As soon as the elfin babies were lulled asleep by such melodies, the pixies would return to the neighboring field and there commence dancing, making those rings in the green which showed even to mortal eyes what sort of gambols had occupied them during the night.

"At the first dawn of light, the watchful pixies once more sought the tulips, and though still invisible, could be heard kissing and caressing their babies. The tulips thus favored by a race of genii, retained their beauty much longer than any other flowers in the garden, whilst, though contrary to their nature, as the pixies breathed over them they became as fragrant as roses. So delighted with all this was the old woman who possessed the garden, that she never suffered a single tulip to be plucked from its stem.

"At length, however, she died and the heir who succeeded her destroyed the enchanted flowers and converted the spot into a parsley bed. This so exasperated the pixies that they caused it to wither away, and, indeed, for many years nothing would grow in the beds of the whole garden. But these sprites, though eager in resenting an injury, were equally capable of returning a kindness, and they tended the bed that wrapped her clay with affectionate solicitude and were often heard lamenting and singing sweet dirges around her grave. No human hand ever tended the grave of the poor old woman who had nurtured the tulip bed for the delight of these elfin creatures, but no rank weed ever grew upon it; the sod was ever green and the prettiest flowers would spring up without sowing or planting, and so they continued to do until it was supposed the mortal body was reduced to its original dust."

It does not appear to be definitely known when this historic flower was introduced into Holland. But the Dutch were early in the habit of sending to Constantinople for tulip



A Bed of Tulips in which the Pixies would have Delighted

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An Old-Fashioned Garden

By Margaret Flindt

NOWHERE else did the old-fashioned garden reach such a state of perfection as in the country village.

I can recall a few ideal gardens in the country, but the farmer's garden then, as now, was usually relegated to a corner in some field, whose distance from the house, made it impossible for the womenfolk to spend much time in its planning or cultivation.

The diminutive square of back yard which is called a garden in the larger towns would have only provoked a sniff of contempt from the owners and proprietors of those gardens which were gardens to be proud of; and proud of them their owners were, too, or they would never have taken such pains in their arrangement.

Unstinted in size, the village garden to which my fond recollection turns was surrounded by a fence of homemade palings hewn with infinite patience and industry from our native elm. There was a clumsy gate of the same, which in lieu of a spring had a chain, weighted with a piece of old iron to draw it shut when careless hands would have left it open. So well it answered its purpose, that I remember always hurrying through lest it should bump my bare heels. Its wooden hinges also had a hoarse ugly squeak which always betrayed boy or girl who went there to escape some unpleasant task.

Just outside the gate stood, like sentinels, on one side a mammoth lilac bush, on the other a snowball. Inside, leading from the gate to the "berry patch" on the other side of the garden, was the main path or walk. It was at least four feet wide, and was bordered on either side, the full length, by wide flower beds. On one side were the perennials which came up year after year with no care save the scant cultivation required to keep the weeds down in summer.

Nearest the gate was the iris—we called it "blue flag"—which multiplied so rapidly that great clumps of it had to be dug up and thrown away to keep it from encroaching on space which did not belong to it. So tenacious of life was it that it would sometimes push its roots into the hard ground of the roadside, where it was thrown, and grow and bloom. Next to it was the "Easter flower" a variety of narcissus, I think, which gave us its little starlike flowers almost before the snow was gone. We children were always disappointed if it was not in bloom in time for Easter. Then there were various kinds of lilies from the modest little "Lily of the Valley" to the fragrant waxen white day lily which perfumed the whole garden in midsummer and the tall showy "tiger lily" that flaunted its gaudy head above my own, which may have been why I did not like it so well as some others of its family. There were the brilliant "fire pinks," though I am not sure that was their real name; the "Sweet Williams"; daisies, yellow and white; columbines, red, white and purple; and hollyhocks, double and single, of every color, on stalks of gigantic size. The flowers were not arranged according to modern taste, for the pansies, or "tame Johnny-jump-ups" we called them, nestled at the feet of hollyhocks and tiger lilies and flourished all the better for their protecting shade in summer and fallen leaves in winter. Everything promiscuously mingled together in a neighborly way regardless of size or color. There were "pinies" and "bleeding heart" which spread out in enormous bunches as large as wash tubs, "Lady Washington" or phlox, red and white, sweet pinks, as we called the single clove-scented carnations; ten weeks stocks and larkspur. I daresay I have not mentioned them all, but had there never been a seed planted, there would have been a profusion of perennial flowers from early spring until late in the fall, along that garden walk.

A space of generous width, however, on the opposite side of the walk was devoted to annuals. Old-fashioned they were, as their neighbors across the path, but as sweet withal and afforded as much pleasure as any ever planted in fancy-shaped beds, designed and tended by an expert landscape gardener.

Conspicuous among these were the four-o'clocks or "pretty-by-nights." My partiality for them was not so much because of their beauty while on the parent stem, as for their adaptability for dolls and their dresses. What families and congregations I used to

gather under the gnarled old pear tree; of hollyhocks carefully plucked with as much stem as possible, and stood up in rows for people already dressed in silken gowns of red, white, pale yellow or pink, and velvet jackets of green. It took whole apronfuls to have "church" or "a party." If it chanced to be in the cool dewy morning or evening, the four-o'clocks and morning-glories figured noticeably at these gatherings. For a foundation, or body, a whole blossom was used, and for skirts, dresses, and overskirts others were pinched off part way down so as to leave a hole to slip over the head of the lady being dressed. Lastly a green cherry or some little dainty flower was set on for the head. It is needless to say these people were judged altogether by the clothes they wore. The hollyhocks were the most reliable for these flower families, for sometimes the sun would grow hot before the service was over and wither and spoil all the fine raiment of the others. Ah happy childhood that does "consider the lilies" and takes "no thought for the morrow!"

Beside the four-o'clocks were marigolds, great orange colored and lemon-tinted ones, and little "French" marigolds of reddish brown shades, and others striped with yellow both double and single. There were "touchmenots" of every hue common to the balsam family, "ragged Robins," "sturtiums," "bachelor buttons," cockscomb, prince's feather, poppies, great double ones of red and pink, snapdragons which we delighted to squeeze on the sides to make them open their mouths; mourning bride, asters which we knew as "fall roses," zinnies, and verbenas, petunias and "moss rose" or portulaca. These three ran riot everywhere, coming from self-sown seed and left by loving care wherever there was vacant space enough for a plant to thrive.

Just beyond the row of perennials were the herbs, sweet and bitter. Many of them were never used, but kept I suppose just for the pleasure of seeing them grow, or because they grew in the old home garden "back in Pennsylvania." There was a bed of sage which was carefully picked at the proper season and dried on papers spread on the spare bed, which

gave the room an aromatic odor, which I always remember when thinking of it. When thoroughly dried it was put away for future use in concocting sundry savory dishes. There were wormwood which always brought to my youthful mind the old Methodist hymn which has the words "the wormwood and the gall;" also lovage, balm, bergamot, anise, sweet fennel and rosemary. Camomile whose mariguerite-like flowers were only used, if I remember rightly, by the children, to "tell our fortunes" by plucking off petal after petal and repeating the rhyme, "Rich man, poor man, beggar man, thief," "Doctor, lawyer, merchant, chief."

the last petal being the occupation or station in life of the future husband; or we would name someone in our thoughts and say "He loves me," "He loves me not," alternately as the tiny white petals dropped from our childish fingers.

There were saffron, hoarhound and catnip which anxious mothers sought for infantile ailments, and there was always a bunch of each dried and suspended from the brown attic rafters, which could be had if not in its season.

Stretching away on either hand was the vegetable garden of which I will only mention the symmetrical chive bordered onion bed. Of large proportions it was a fair sample of all the garden, a marvel of neatness and precision. The soil was carefully prepared for it and marked off into rows exactly one foot apart and then carefully planted and tended.

There was seldom a visitor at our home who did not ask before she left, "Have you a good garden?" or "How is your garden doing?" or some such question, and it always ended by her being invited to "walk out and see it." This was the part of the visits that I most enjoyed, and I always tripped gaily before them to hold the gate open until they had passed through and waited eagerly for the words of appreciation which I felt were justly due my mother for the care given to that model garden. Then I was always allowed to gather and arrange a bouquet for the visitor to carry home, which I thoroughly enjoyed.

On returning from an occasional sitting from the home nest for a few days, or in later years, after longer flights into the world, the first visit was with the "home-folks" and then to the garden. I always traversed the whole length of the main walk, taking in with eager eye every blossom on either side, and it seemed that with the beauty and fragrance of the flowers there was diffused a spirit of quiet restfulness and peace.

The Useful and Ornamental Gourd

By Mary E. Hardy

In planning this year's flower garden, do not forget that last summer you promised yourself every time you looked at that ugly plank fence across the garden that when next year came you would plant something to cover it. That time has come; and there is nothing that will do as well as a gourd vine, or gourd vines if you want a variety. Of course this depends on the length of the fence you want to cover.

There is only one caution that I have for those who intend to raise gourds; and that is to plant the seed early. March is not too soon, for the earlier start the vines get is giving the gourds just that much longer to ripen before frost catches them in the fall.

Too many people never think of planting gourds, though there is no other vine of such strength and rapid growth. The foliage of many kinds is quite pretty; the bloom, while it may not be considered beautiful, is certainly not ugly; while the gourds are an infinite source of interest and are very pretty. Again they can be used in a number of practical ways. Though it is proposed to suggest only the uses to be made of one variety in this article, and that is the kind commonly known as the "dish-rag gourd." One woman considers this gourd beautiful enough to grace the front porch of her home; and it is such a noticeable vine that it attracts the attention of the numerous passers-by.

Everyone knows that the inner skin or lining of these gourds makes excellent dish cleaners. But how many know that they are equally as good in the bath of human beings? If this is new

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Lilium Auratum, Golden-banded Lily. Grown in Bellingham, Washington. The stalk was 6 ft. 5 in. high. Head of blossoms 26 in. wide, 24 in. high. There were 447 blossoms, and they were of about the usual size.

A Human Interest

By Susie Bouchelle Wight

A Story in Two Parts

MABIE had gone through the papers in the big iron safe for the last time. Everything lay in perfect order in the various compartments, and a neat index which he had carefully compiled, lay upon his knee. He took this up, ran his forefinger down until it stopped at the name, "Vandewater," and then he sat a while looking thoughtfully into space, before he removed from their pigeon hole a package of papers bearing the same name, and slipped them into an inner pocket of his coat. Opening the index again, he drew a line through the name, and wrote on the margin opposite it, the one word "Closed."

"It is my first taste of freedom," he mused, as he turned toward the piled up mail on his desk. "My first taste, and it comes with an effort, though surely I can afford a folly now—and folly it is, not to turn these over to Broxton with the other business."

He took the papers out, and removing one note from the package, looked at it long. It bore a date of many years back, and the reverse side of it was so thickly written with records of payments made, "on the within note," that in their pitiful smallness they had completely covered it, and trailed down upon a gummed-on strip for three inches more. A smile, half tender relaxed his dark face, and curved the tense lips into something like beauty, as out of the coil of the years of strain, flashed a vivid memory of a child's uplifted face, that in its passion reminded him of some flaming scarlet poppy. How like yesterday it seemed! Vandewater, pale and haggard with the tell tale touches of his squandered life marring his proud face, saying angrily.

"Oh, I'll pay you, Mabie, if it takes the shirt off my back to do it, and by the Eternal, I believe you'd accept the shirt! You have the mortgage on Beaulieu, and the Alhambra stock. If I live, I will pay the note, and if I don't—"

"If you don't pay it, papa, I will!" the child had burst out with a sob—so tiny a child, one would have thought she could not have understood. "I'll pay it! He shan't have Beaulieu—he shan't."

They had half smiled at each other, these two men, at the child's passion, and neither had given it more than a passing thought when they parted. Very soon afterwards poor Vandewater had been gathered to his fathers beneath the myrtle and the palms of the family cemetery hard by the old Florida home. For a few years, payments came in signed delicately "Aline Vandewater," and then others coming in the round unformed signature of a school girl, "Jackson L. Vandewater," had brought back to him the little girl whom her father had called Jack.

"Chips and whetstones," Mabie had called these payments, but they at last had worn the mortgage away, and all through the years, their coming had marked the one human interest that had struck root in his soul, amid the absorbing game he had been playing to its last successful issue. His other dealings had all been with men, but the vivid child, with her stiff little letters and those remittances, the price of what girlishness and joy he could not even imagine, had kept herself alive in his thoughts, and sometimes when he was almost beaten out with the struggle of the day, and lay back wreathed in tobacco smoke at evening, vagrant fancy, taking advantage of a moment's weakness had woven strange dreams in a golden web about the girl growing into a womanhood that he knew would be most fair, if it fulfilled its early promise.

"Ah, Brox, is it you?" He came to himself and present facts quickly, as a shrewd faced young lawyer came unannounced into the office. "I have just been going through again, to make sure that all is in order for you. You will have no difficulty, I think. Just go right ahead, and realize upon every scrap of paper as promptly as you can. This is as good a place to begin as any." While speaking he had turned to the table behind him, and was assorting the letters there with swift accustomed fingers. He pushed them unopened toward his secretary.

"Jump right into the middle of it all and get to work in your own way—but stay—may I ask you to write this

morning to Jackson L. Vandewater, Jacksonville, Florida, saying that the papers of the closed account will be sent down by special messenger, and you might add also that you have in hand the entire business of Mabie and Co., and that any further communication which may be necessary, may be addressed to you."

The younger man made a few rapid notes on a pad lying near, and sat at attention.

"I must repeat, Broxton, do not try to communicate with me. Use your own best judgment, and I shall not kick if blunders happen, for I haven't seen you tried with luck and loss these years past without learning that you may be trusted. I do not propose to have my first vacation spoiled by questions about business—I am going away to learn how to play, now that I've earned the right."

"I had fancied that when a man went in for money as you have done, that it became something like a gambling mania, and that it couldn't be left off all at once—that play would become a thing impossible," said Broxton tentatively, as he studied Mabie, with admiration in his shrewd eyes.

"And so it is more or less of a gamble. As to whether I can learn how best to enjoy them, now that the stakes are mine, is yet to be seen. I've always said that when I'd made my pile, I'd stop, and never allow myself to get to the place where my only interest in life would be in piling up dollars that I could not possibly use except to make more dollars with. I did not fancy the thought of making a spendthrift fool of myself, any more than making it to give to smirking church folks who will question its cleanness, even though both hands are stretched to the limit to grasp it. I determined to quit when the time came, and you see, I have done so." He rose to his feet abruptly, and held out his hand in goodby.

It was a long steadfast gaze that the two men exchanged, as they clasped heartily, and then without so much as a backward glance, Mabie strode away from the plain office which had held the greater part of his

life and endeavour for twenty years past.

As he walked aimlessly down the street, his hands had a curious physical sense of idleness that he had never felt before. He seemed to miss in a bodily sense, that frantic hold he had been maintaining on men and things for so long. As he looked upon the life of the city seething past, he realized with a sigh that he had no part in it. Men had been but pawns in his game, and he had fought shy of all women. Horse, yachts, clubs—he might have them all, and play royally, if only he would—but he broke into a laugh. "I really don't know how to begin," he said to himself.

A sudden thought came to him of those Vandewater papers in his pocket. "I am not very prolific in planning folly," he mused. "This is the only one that presents itself—I may as well follow it."

So he went Southward with the great hegira of winter tourists. With the languorous charm of sky and blue sea and the queer unexpected bits of beauty leaping out from the monotonous stretches of pine and palmetto in the Florida woods, the old golden dreams took possession of him again, and those papers in his coat, the little old letters with their faint scent of violets and their studied coldness of expression, were full of romantic suggestion.

He often had wondered how she was making that money she was paying him, but it was a good deal of a shock when he found her standing tall and straight in the bow of a fishing boat, one slim hand shading her eyes as she peered out to where a long row of ripples betokened the school of mullet running in shore ahead of the lazy tumbling porpoises out in the bay. He stood still and watched her, as she directed the steering of the boats, and the casting of nets, and then came swiftly bobbing in, up and down, over the waves, as the strong negro men bent to the oars. She leaped ashore, and he saw her eyes grow eager as she bent to examine the quivering silver mass struggling in the meshes of the net.

"It's a dandy old haul, this time, Tony," she called out, in a clear young voice. "Hurry up now with the salting down, and then bring me the fish house key. I can't wait, for the oyster boats are coming in down at the dock." She turned away toward the upward path.

"Could you give me just a moment, please?" said Mabie coming to her side, hat in hand, and he held out the papers.

"Why yes—I was expecting you. You are the man from Mabie's?" She reached for the package, and her face went pale beneath its brown and bloom. "Tony," she faced about and called, "send Joe to see about the boats. I can't go now."

Utterly disregarding the stranger who was watching her with kindling eyes, she dropped down upon the sand, threw aside the battered old Rough Rider that she had been wearing on the back of her head, and snapped off the rubber band that held the papers together. The topmost one was her father's note. Her fingers trembled as she carefully tore away his signature, and then thrust the crumpled bit of paper into the bosom of her blouse, with a long shivering sigh. She gave a careless glance at the cancelled mortgages, and then her eyes took it in, that the rest of the package was made up of her own small letters regularly sent for many years past.

As they slipped through her fingers, the repressed emotions of years rushed through her mind.

How much self denial had gone annually into the payments made with a regularity which had been her pride. What feminine desires for pretty and becoming raiment had been thrust aside as "weak," and the money laid by for the days which came so swiftly and to which there seemed at one time, no end. At last, however the very last one had been paid. She could feel again the delight that day brought her, and how her slender shoulders seemed positively to respond to the feeling that a burden had slipped off.

She sighed all the same as she looked at the notes, and thought to herself, as the little heap of white paper lay before her, "Here lies my girlhood and all that belongs to the happy and the prosperous."

(Concluded next Month)



"She dropped down upon the sand"

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SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS

[This story was commenced in the November number. The following is the synopsis of preceding chapters:

Mrs. J. Bruce-Horton, wife of a cattle baron, and Mrs. Lyman Osborn, wife of a banker, whose homes were at Meade, Kansas, were at Lake Geneva, a fashionable resort near Chicago. They had been to England to accompany home Ethel, the daughter of Mrs. Horton, who had spent four years in a London school. Being taken ill in Chicago, Mrs. Horton had called Dr. Redfield who advised this rest at Lake Geneva, where he had been in daily attendance. Ethel and Redfield had been mutually attracted, and he had declared his love. This was reciprocated, though Ethel had given no pledge, expressing a desire to talk with her father first. This was all unknown to the mother. Mrs. Horton was determined her daughter should marry a foreign title, and had been delighted to find that Lady Avondale of England, and her son, Dr. Lenox Avondale, were stopping at the same hotel. Dr. Avondale had good prospects of becoming Lord Avondale, but the estates were impoverished and this trip to this country had really been made for the purpose of finding some American heiress for his wife. Mrs. Horton had made known the prospects of her daughter in regard to money, and the mothers without definite agreement, had come to a good understanding. But Dr. Redfield's desire for a wife was known to Mrs. Horton. Ethel's mother took alarm at the signs of an attachment between the young American doctor and her daughter, and started for Meade, their home, a typical western town. Curiously enough, just a few days later Hugh Stanton, the most intimate friend of Dr. Redfield, also arrived in Meade where he entered into business relations with Captain Osborn, the husband of Mrs. Horton's constant companion and advisor. Major Hampton comes on the scene, and gives vent to his political views, claiming himself a "Reformist." It also appears that he is the leader of a secret organization called the "Barley Tullers," as well as editor and proprietor of the "Patriot." The report that a herd of Mr. Horton's cattle had been driven off by cattle thieves, causes the Major to start out with one of his constituents.

Hugh out for a ride, meets, under strange conditions, Ethel's father, and as they are talking, the Major's assistant returns, declaring there is no trace of the missing cattle.

A meeting of the Barley Tullers shows that all classes of the community are in it, and that Major Hampton has a motley crew to control.]

CHAPTER IX

AN AFTERNOON DRIVE

HUGH STANTON was not only a successful, hard-working young man of affairs, but he possessed innate refinement and gentleness. In appearance he was an ideal society man—a veritable Beau Brummel. As a matter of fact, however, he had scarcely any knowledge of society or of its ways.

His father had fought in the battle of Bull Run, and later at Bethel Church. The young mother was heartbroken when she learned that her husband was numbered among the missing. She died a year later. The son was christened with his father's name and even as a boy, had been noted for his success at school. Later, he led his classes with distinction at Princeton. Dr. Jack Redfield was Hugh's ideal of true manliness, and, to the credit of Jack, his measure of sterling manhood was Hugh Stanton.

After their college days they had kept up, in an intermittent way, their social relations, but each became more absorbed in his own pursuits, and they drifted away from their old chum-day relations. Although Hugh had lived at Meade for a month, he had never thought of writing to Jack Redfield, and if Jack had been asked Hugh's address, he could not have given it, for Hugh had neglected naming his objective point in the West.

One morning Captain Osborn handed Hugh a daintily perfumed, monogrammed note. Hugh found it an invitation from Mrs. Osborn to drive with her that afternoon to the Hortons, where they were expected to dine.

Hugh offered the note to the captain, who asked, "Well, what is it?" looking at Hugh over his glasses.

"A letter from Mrs. Osborn," replied Hugh.

"Well, is it not for you?" inquired the old captain.

"Certainly," said Hugh, "but then—" "If it is for you, it is not for me," said the captain, "and, Hugh, my boy, understand for now and for all time that I have no curiosity as to any arrangements my wife may make or any letters she may choose to write. I trust her without question."

"I hardly know why," said Hugh, "but some way your words chill me." He waited a moment in silence, and then went on, "I wish I were nearer to you, Captain, for ever since I saw that

tear fall on little Harry's sleeping face I have longed to be as close to you as a son."

The captain noticeably softened, and said, huskily, "There, there, my boy, let me tell you something. You know I am much older than Mrs. Osborn. We have been married twelve years. She finds pleasure in society, and I despise it. It is not right to object to that in which she finds innocent pleasure. I have thought it all over, and here are my deductions: Mrs. Osborn must have an opportunity of pursuing those innocent paths of amusement in which she finds her greatest pleasure. She has given to me our little Harry, God bless the boy! She is Harry's mother, and therefore she can do no wrong. When you are older you will learn that love is a gossamer network of illusions, easily broken and impossible to mend."

There was a pathetic tenderness in the old captain's words, and it struck Hugh, at the time, as being odd.

"Now, my boy," continued the captain, as he looked kindly at Hugh, "I have spoken to you as to no other person on earth. If you were my own son I could not have spoken more freely."

"Thank you," said Hugh, as he took the captain's outstretched hand, "I shall strive earnestly to prove myself worthy of your confidence."

"Not only on account of your father, whose memory I certainly revere, but also on account of yourself, I shall try to be all that a father should be to such a son; and, Hugh, if anything should ever happen to me, do as much for little Harry, and the account will be more than balanced."

Hugh gave his promise, but the captain's words kept ringing in his ear. The promise that he had made impressed him strangely. He sent a reply to Mrs. Osborn, accepting her invitation, but was not at all sure that he had acted wisely. During the afternoon, Mrs. Osborn called at the bank, and Hugh was driven away in her elegant carriage. As they turned from the street into the country road, Mrs. Osborn, said:

"For one afternoon, Mr. Stanton, you are my captive."

"A most willing one, I assure you," replied Hugh, laughingly. She jestingly replied:

"Indeed, is that so? Had I known your willingness, I certainly would have called you away from the bank counter long before this."

"We have been very busy of late," replied Hugh. "It is not often we can get away."

"You must not serve the god of business too faithfully," said Mrs. Osborn, "but rather make him serve you."

"Very well expressed," replied Hugh, as he looked at Mrs. Osborn, and realized more than ever before that she was, indeed, a most beautiful woman.

"For my part," said she, "I think travel affords a recreation that is doubly enjoyable, because there is no such thing as business to disturb one. Have you ever been in England, Mr. Stanton?" she asked, sweetly.

"Never," replied Hugh, "but I have promised myself a thorough European tour when some convenient opportunity presents itself."

"Oh, how lovely that will be. It would be so pleasant if you could get away next year and go with us—I mean Mrs. Horton and myself. Our practical husbands stay at home, and we do the traveling for our families."

"Still, it would be more pleasant," replied Hugh, "if your husbands could arrange their business affairs and accompany you."

"I am not so sure about that," said Mrs. Osborn, and she looked at Hugh so intently that, in sheer embarrassment, he looked away. It began to dawn upon him that she loved adoration and adored alike. Mrs. Osborn laughed softly, and said:

"Why, what a silly one! You are

either the most ingeniously clever man or else the most intensely innocent one I ever met."

"I fear," said Hugh, confusedly, "that I am not very clever, and I am quite sure that I am not worthy to be called innocent."

"You are a contradiction," went on Mrs. Osborn, "and yet—well, really you interest me. We must see more of each other—but here we are at the Grove, and there is Mrs. Horton on the veranda."

Hugh was soon presented to Mrs. J. Bruce-Horton, who received him with unfeigned cordiality. "My husband," said she, "has spoken so much of you since your chance meeting that I have been quite impatient to meet you."

"Well, I like that," said Mrs. Osborn, addressing her hostess. "Indeed, have you only heard of Mr. Stanton through your husband? Does all I have said go for nothing?"

"Oh, I beg your pardon, my dear Lucy," replied Mrs. Horton. "Of course you were the first to tell us about him." Then, addressing Hugh, she continued, "My friend Mrs. Osborn, I assure you, has been most profuse in complimentary remarks."

"I am powerless to express my gratitude," said Hugh, gallantly.

"Mr. Stanton," said Mrs. Horton, "my daughter, Miss Ethel." With true frontier hospitality Ethel advanced and said: "You are, indeed, most welcome, Mr. Stanton. It was daddy's wish that we make you feel at home when you called, and it will not be my fault if we fail in doing so."

Hugh stammered out his thanks, as he accepted a chair. Ethel was a revelation to him. She seemed a queen just stepping from a canvas. Her eyes, her mouth, her nose, her hair, her smile, her voice—these were among the entrancing glories of Ethel Horton.

The day marked an epoch in Hugh Stanton's life. The seeds of a mysterious ambition had been planted—what of the harvest?

CHAPTER X

THE HOME OF THE HORTONS

John Horton had erected his home upon a little hill overlooking a lake that had been made by damming the Manaroya. More than twenty acres of placid water were within its shores. Rising back of the house was a picturesque hill, much higher than the one upon which had been built the residence.

The interior of the Horton house was richly elegant. There was one room in which Mrs. J. Bruce-Horton had assembled the art treasures which she had picked up in her travels.

While the hostess and her daughter were entertaining Mrs. Osborn and Hugh on the veranda, Mr. Horton joined them and assured Hugh that he hoped that his visit was but the beginning of an acquaintance that would ripen into lasting friendship.

"I cannot understand it," John Horton had said, "but I feel interested in that young man in an inexplicable manner. I like the spirit he displayed when I was chaffing him about being on other people's land."

During the dinner, Mrs. Horton mentioned that Dr. Lenox Avondale would probably visit them during the fall.

"We shall give him a hearty welcome," observed Mr. Horton, "and even though we live on the frontier, we are nevertheless whole-souled fellows, Mr. Stanton."

Hugh could not understand it, but he was conscious of displeasure and resentment at the mere mention of the Englishman's name.

"I am just wild to show him how we American girls can ride," said Ethel, enthusiastically. "Wouldn't it be great sport, daddy, if Doctor Lenox Avondale, by mistake, should try to ride one of our

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The others admired it duly, but those who had already received their gifts thought their own superior, while the impatient ones who had yet to wait some weeks longer, comforted themselves with the proverb that "Patient waiters are no losers," and dreamed of all manner of useful and beautiful things. "Now for the story, Aunt Hester," said Joe, handing her the well-filled sheets, and all listened attentively to the tale of

"The Fire-King and the Water-Spirit"

In a hot, sandy country, wasted and scorched by continual fires, stood the palace of the Fire-King. It was made entirely of flames that curled in all directions, and a dense black smoke hid the entrance completely from sight.

The Fire-King himself was tall and dark, with red gleaming eyes, and a long beard of little jets of flame that crackled and hissed continually, and when he opened his mouth to speak, hot, sulphurous vapor rushed forth, so that no mortal could approach him; and he dwelt alone with his court in the flaming castle.

He had so long been the ruler of the country, that no one ventured to oppose him, and when he rushed over the fields on his hunting parties and burned up all the houses and barns in his path, the people only shuddered and looked on with sad eyes at the destruction of their homes.

One day the Fire-King rushed home on his fiery steed, and as he clattered up to the palace door, all the court trembled, for they saw that he was in a terrible passion. Casting a burning glance around he exclaimed, in a thundering voice, "Listen, you cowardly knaves! A woman has dared to dispute my power to rule alone over this land; she has built her palace far from here over the foaming river, and defies me to mortal combat. Let my herald, Fiery-Spark, take horse instantly and hasten to accept her challenge; she may choose her own spot for the contest," and the Fire-King smiled contemptuously, for he was a man as well as a monarch.

Fiery-Spark flew to obey his master's commands, and journeyed for many hours over a scorched and wasted country. But at length the aspect of the landscape began to change; instead of brown, desolated fields, lay green meadows; the road-side was lined with beautiful trees laden with fruit and flowers, while here and there peeped out a pretty cottage with its thatched barn and rosy children standing in the doorway.

All these signs showed Fiery-Spark that he was nearing the kingdom of the Water-Spirit, and he began to move more cautiously, for there was nothing he hated so much as the sight of water, and with good reason, since it was his most deadly enemy; even a single cupful would have killed him on the spot.

And now he approached a beautiful green wood, at the entrance to which stood two water-nymphs, with spears made of the purple flag-root which barred his further advance.

"Announce me to your queen as a herald from the Fire-King!" cried Fiery-Spark, and straightway the nymphs lowered their spears, while one of them beckoned him to follow her.

Within the wood reigned a delightful coolness; hundreds of little rills ran tinkling in every direction, while a thick, green, mossy carpet covered the banks of the clear stream that flowed through the center. Birds flew hither and thither among the drooping boughs of the trees, and gay flowers dotted the turf-like jewels.

Shrinking from all contact with the water, and closely wrapped in his scarlet

cloak, Fiery-Spark hastened to the audience-chamber of the Water-Spirit. It was hollowed out from a rose-colored conch-shell, and various beautiful water-plants and grasses hung from the ceiling and tapestried the walls, while two plashing fountains filled the air with music.

In a half-opened water-lily, the queen was reclining; her long, trailing robes were of spray, while a mist mantle hung about her face and form, through which gleamed her long, golden hair. Around her were her maids of honor, busily engaged in threading necklaces of dew-drops that sparkled like diamonds.

"Good herald," said the queen, when Fiery-Spark had made known his errand, "we thank your master for his courtesy in suffering us to choose the spot for the contest, and we name Elf-Land. There, in the huge mines that extend under the earth for many thousand miles, we will meet him in mortal combat. The time will be at the full of the moon."

She dismissed him with a slight wave of the hand, that scattered thousands of shining sparks from her drapery. Fiery-Spark shivered at the sight, and, bowing low before her, he sped quickly forth from the audience chamber, and along the path he had come. Groups of lovely water-nymphs sat by the river bank combing their long tresses, while others floated lazily along on lily leaves, feeding the little fishes that followed in their wake.

Poor Fiery-Spark, chilled and half dead, looked neither to the right nor to the left, but muffled up in his mantle, he hurried on until he reached the entrance of the wood. There, taking a long breath and spreading out his mantle to serve as wings, he flew without stopping until he reached his master's dominions.

When the Fire-King heard his herald's message, he fell into such a furious rage that poor Fiery-Spark was almost consumed with the flame from his whiskers. "To arms! to arms!" he cried in a voice of thunder, and forthwith the whole castle resounded with the din of preparation.

Two days before the full of the moon the Fire-King rode forth from the castle-gate at the head of a glittering army of knights and men-at-arms; all were mounted on coal black steeds with fiery manes and tails; their weapons were lances of flame, and arrows tipped with fire, and as they vanished in the distance they left behind them a long trail of fire and smoke.

After a long and weary journey, they arrived at Elf-Land—a country filled with mines and watered by a beautiful river that foamed and sparkled in the sunlight. The poor little elf-miners, terrified by the smoke and flames, fled from the mines in hot haste, and with their little picks on their shoulders, took refuge on a neighboring hill, whence they could safely view the contest.

And now a distant sound like the rush of many waters was heard, and the Water-Spirit appeared, floating on the bosom of the river, in a huge lily-cup drawn by a hundred swans. Behind her, glided her water-nymphs armed with wands of spray, while the showers of drops that fell from their garments at every motion sent forth a pleasant tinkling as of thousands of little silver bells.

The Fire-King watched with silent scorn his enemy's approach, but so angry did he feel, that hot, sulphurous flames rushed from his mouth and nostrils, and his eyes gleamed like fiery comets. At length, unable to control his impatience, he made a furious charge upon the Water-Spirit, but she merely waved her wand, and the waters hastened to do her bidding. A thousand different streams poured from the river on the attacking army; great jets of water leaped into the air and, falling, covered the Fire-King followers with drenching spray, while the water-nymphs, swiftly advancing in close array, put all before them to flight.

One by one the poor drenched followers of the Fire-King drooped and died, for when once the flames that issued

from their mouths were quenched, they ceased to breathe. At length only the Fire-King himself was left, and he still fought bravely, though he felt weary and spent, but the Water-Spirit now determined to put an end to the contest, and, springing from her lily-barge, she glided swiftly towards the king who began to retreat step by step, as he felt the cold, damp spray that wrapped her like a veil.

But when she raised her wand and a huge column of water spouted from it and rushed toward him with a terrific roar, the affrighted king fled in dismay, and ever as he ran he heard the rushing sound coming nearer and nearer. On and on he sped, expecting instant death, when suddenly he spied a refuge close at hand; before him stood the entrance to the mines; he rushed in and clashed the heavy stone doors behind him. But, alas! as he paused to take breath, and congratulate himself on his escape, he heard the voice of the Water-Spirit speaking in solemn tones.

"Presumptuous king!" she said, "by my power I have closed these doors, and for unnumbered ages you shall never behold the light of day; alone, in the darkness and the gloom, must you expiate the sins which you have inflicted on this land, once so fertile and smiling. But, after many thousand years, a race of mortals will arise, who will permit you at various times a few brief moments of existence, but even then, only behind iron bars; and should you become unruly and seek to escape and again desolate the earth, they will call me to their aid, and I will humble you as I have humbled you now."

The Water-Spirit ceased and, stepping into her barge, passed slowly out of sight, followed by her nymphs, but the Fire-King remained behind in the gloomy mine, to beat his breast, and tear his hair in vain.

A Child's Bag

A little chatelaine bag for a child, useful for carrying the handkerchief in these pocketless days, is made of two flat circular pieces, crocheted in single



crochet, sewed together a little more than half its length around, leaving a space free at the top, and lined with pocket of the same shape, made of some kind of stiffening and covered on the inner side with silk or satin to match the color of the thread used in crocheting. A ribbon is used for handles. After the two circles have been sewed together, a narrow border in shell or fancy picot stitch is crocheted all around.—A. E. B.

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A Mountain Range

"You will observe," said a teacher, "that the higher the altitude attained, the colder the temperature becomes." "But isn't it warmer up in the mountain?" asked the youth at the foot of the class. "Certainly not," replied the professor. "Why do you think it would be warmer there?" "I thought the atmosphere was heated by the mountain ranges," answered the youngster.

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Profitable Peppers

By Eleanor M. Lucas

THE FIRST pepper plants I ever grew were given me by our market gardener. They looked so bright and clean with their small shining leaves, that I planted them in two gallon-sized kegs, filled with rich earth. The little plants were given plenty of water and sun, and grew into charming bushes, about twenty inches tall, of compact and regular shape; and in time every branching tip was loaded with little clusters of pure white flowers that looked like little stars, and following in their train came the crisp peppers that grew into pretty bell shaped shining green pods (they were the Ruby King variety) and later turned to deep burning scarlet. White blossoms, green and bright red peppers were all on the plant, which was a mass of green leaves, at one time.

In the gardens of the Portuguese, there are sure to be several bushes of these peppers, also the little "Bird's Eye Pepper," which, contrary to peppers in general, is perennial in a benign climate, if sheltered from severe frosts. These bushes of peppers are grown with the "St. Joseph's Lily" and red salvias and great bushes of blazing red geraniums. Here one finds also rosemary, lavender, fennel, sage, with borders of mint and thyme, for the Portuguese are famous herbalists and are

"Grounded in the hidden knowledge of all salads And pot herbs whatsoever."

We admired our pepper plants to such an extent that a package of seeds was ordered for another season.

The seeds were sown in a box of moist sand, in March, covered with a glass, and in a week the tiny green sprouts came up. The sand was kept moist and the little seedlings were given as much sun and air as possible.

When the warm weather came and all danger of frost was over, the little seedlings were transplanted to the open ground, but spring must be a condition, a fact—not a wintry dream of summer—ere the little plants are put out in the open. They are very sensitive to the cold, although in late fall the mature plants will endure many a twinge from Jack Frost before they succumb.

The soil into which they were set, had been deeply spaded and well enriched with hen-house manure, and an extra shovelful was put on each plant. Five rows with ten plants to a row, were set out; the variety was the large bell peppers. Each day the plants were watered, and the foliage was sprayed, and once a week the surface soil was broken with a hoe. When the dry hot winds—our summer dower—came, big shovelfuls of barn-yard litter were heaped about the roots to prevent the soil from baking and to keep the roots moist. Moist soil, well enriched, they must have and plenty of sun, or little stunted bushes will be the result instead of glossy masses of greenery. The plants must be kept in a vigorous growing condition, the larger and more branching they are the better. They require no pruning whatever, forming symmetrical bushes without the aid of shears.

Provided they are kept moist about the roots, they will endure the hottest summer day and the most drying winds, and nothing makes such a brave show of foliage. It is thick and shiny like an

evergreen myrtle, and the plants are often mistaken for a hard-wood shrub.

Often when I have been short of some greenery, I have picked the branches when starred with their tiny blossoms, and have arranged great masses in a big oriental jar, and the effect was decorative in any position.

When the little pepper pods were large enough we had crisp pepper salads, a delightful relish with fish; peppers stuffed with rice, with tomatoes, with force-meat, puffy souffles in pepper cases, and melting corn creams. Then we had cool delicious stuffed pepper salads. Did you ever eat one? Not only are they a delicious dainty, with just the right touch of piquancy—biting the tongue lovingly—but they are artistic to the eye, set in a circle of crisp parsley, with yellow or pink or white or green mayonnaise crowning each green cup.

Finally we saw peppers were still forming, and we "put up" dozens of jars of stuffed pickled peppers, for we argued they will keep for years, and perhaps another year our crop may not be so good. But those jars of stuffed peppers were not designed to grace our shelves for a long year. A friend ate some at our house, asked to buy a jar, and so set the ball a rolling, and it did not stop until twenty jars, at fifty cents a jar, had been sold. Still we had a few peppers left, but these were getting too hot for table use, and as our chickens seemed to be drooping (it was during their moulting season), we formed a habit of chopping up a dozen or so of

the green peppers and mixing them with their warm mash of bran each morning. Finding the result satisfactory, we continued the practice. The result was that our fowls passed their moulting season in good form, rallied quickly and began to lay when eggs were forty-five cents a dozen. Thus we reaped

another harvest, due to our peppers. When Jack Frost began to reach out his icy fingers, we gathered all the peppers on the bushes, big and little, and dried them in a cool room. A dozen or so were mixed to each gallon of soft food and fed to the fowls each morning, and the way our egg basket was kept filled was a convincing evidence that those peppers were a profitable crop.

The Pansy

By H. R. Peachey

The Pansy so well known and so popular over the civilized world, called by a dozen different names, is the child of the simple little annual, Heart's-ease, or Violet, of Europe, and perhaps of America, though it is thought to be only a naturalized citizen of this country. This flower has many titles; every country gives it a pet name. Fringed violet, Trinity flower, butterfly flower, love-idleness, step-mother, johnny-jump-up, are among the most common, while the French call it pensee, from which the English name pansy is derived.

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Pattern No. 6899

A Gown For The Hour Of Ease

Gowns intended for comfort wear are taking on the most restful lines and contours and are withal most pleasing to wear and look upon. Here is shown an unusually pretty gown built somewhat on the lines of the princess. Tiny tucks give form to the waist and are wonderfully neat and graceful while the broad collar frames the face becomingly and adds breadth to the shoulders. The front may be closed with the ribbon girdle alone or by several bows down the front while a pretty buckle at the waist line may take the place of all other ornamentation. The materials for such a gown are of wide variety and one may choose from the silks, challis, cashmeres or from the filmy washing fabrics which may be had for a few cents a yard. The collar is pretty, trimmed with the narrow insertion as shown or with narrow plaited silk or ribbon. The gown is not difficult to fashion and may serve for afternoon as well as morning if developed daintily. For the medium size 8½ yards of 36-inch material are needed. No. 6899 is cut in sizes, 32 to 42 inches bust measure.



Pattern No. 6793

A Pretty Blouse in Mohair

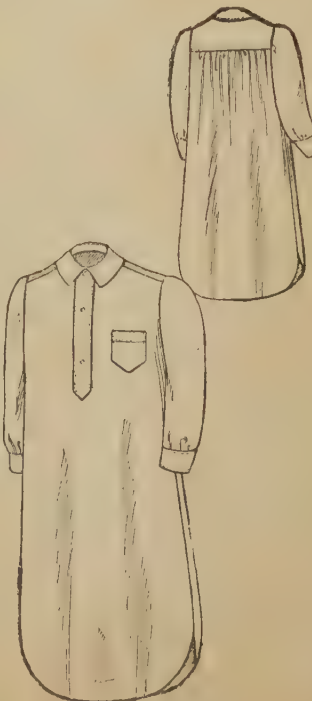
The girl or woman who is looking for a waist which she may fashion for herself and which is eminently suited for every day wear will be pleased with the accompanying sketch. The waist is developed in a checked mohair which is serviceable for Spring and retains its good looks as long as it lasts. The blouse has two plaits at each side of the front which end at yoke depth and provide a modish fullness. The closing is effected at one side of the front in truly military manner and may be fastened with buttons or frogs. A collar of the same or linen may complete the neck while the sleeves may be long or shorter. For the medium size 3½ yards of 27-inch material are needed. No. 6793 is cut in sizes 32 to 42 inches bust measure.



Pattern No. 6760

A Boy's Nightshirt

So many mother's make their husbands' and sons' nightshirts that a good pattern for such has been requested. The most popular style for a boy is that sketched with the yoke and gathered back, and any amateur sewer will find it entirely simple to make. The pocket may be omitted if preferred, though any man or boy who has enjoyed one will never be satisfied without it. Longcloth or muslin may serve for material of which 3 yards 36 inches wide are needed for the medium size. No. 4108 is cut in sizes, 6 to 14 years.



Pattern 4103



Pattern No. 6796

A Simple Dressing Sack

One does not always care to have an elaborate negligee to slip on in the morning or while taking the afternoon nap and for such the design shown will be pleasing. It may be developed in challis, French flannel, silk, or a washable fabric with ribbon, narrow silk plaiting or lace edging, in the collar and sleeves. A standing collar may finish the neck or the pretty one shown, while the sleeves may be in bishop style with the cuff or flowing. For the medium size 2½ yards of 44-inch material are needed. No. 6796 is cut in sizes, 32 to 44 inches bust measure.



Pattern No. 6761

A Smart Long Coat

The making of shirt waists and washable dresses seems very simple to the average home sewer but when it comes to a coat or any large garment, the undertaking appears enormous. Yet some of the larger articles of dress are much less difficult to make than a waist with its myriad tucks and trimmings and the coat is one because it depends almost entirely upon the cut and pressing of seams for its style. If one has a reliable pattern the rest is simple. The coat shown is one of smart and graceful lines. If made of some durable material which is at the same time attractive, it may prove a woman's most valuable friend during rainy days. The coat is in seven eighths length falling straight from the shoulders with an easy ripple at the lower edge. A round yoke finishes the back and the trimming straps may be used or not as desired. The model is suitable for use as a traveling, rain or driving coat if properly developed. For the medium size 4½ yards of 54-inch material are needed. No. 6761 is cut in sizes, 32 to 42 inches bust measure.

Increased shoulder-width is one of the season's signs, but this is gained, not by a lengthened shoulder seam, but by added caps or epaulets, extending over the top of the sleeve, or by increased allowance in the sleeve at the top, which must hold out by ruffles of lawn, in a transparent waist, or by canvas when the costume material is heavier. There are on sale patented "shoulder forms," molded of canvas in various shapes, to suit different types of shoulder, that are inexpensive and a valued finding for both professional and amateur tailors and dressmakers. As to length of sleeve, it is likely that the three-quarter will prevail.



Pattern No. 6717

A Housewife's Set

What a feeling of luxury one has when donning an apron, cap and sleeves which cover one so completely from the dust and dirt necessary to housework! Nothing was ever invented by Mistress Fashion which was half so valuable to a woman as this same apron. The apron shown hangs straight from the top with increasing breadth as it reaches the lower edge. Pockets are found very useful in these work-a-day garments and they are here in generous proportions. The sleeves may be worn only when desired, being held in place by elastic at the top. The cap is a round one and this too has an elastic to hold it on the head. Gingham, percale, or lawn may serve as material and 6½ yards 36 inches wide are needed for the set. No. 6717 comes in one size.



Pattern No. 4116

A Little Pleated Dress for Every Day

In this age of simplicity, the one-piece dress for the small maid is chosen not only for the play hour but for nice occasions as well. A dress which is excellent for general wear made in serge, crash or mohair is sketched. It may be worn with petticoats or bloomers of the same color and serve for hard use such as the girl will give it. The waist is tucked in front and box plaited in back with tucks in box plait effect at the wrist. The belt of the same loosely girdles the waist and a collar which is low and comfortable completes the neck. In the medium size the pattern calls for 2½ yards of 44-inch material. No. 4116 is cut in sizes, 2 to 6 years.

It is possible that some future season may present a more satisfactory garment for the small boy than the variously called Russian blouse or Buster Brown suit, but it remains at present an undisputed favorite. Adapted as a one-piece costume for girls, it is equally popular as a school dress, and in modified form, which retains the blouse characteristic in the waist portions, to which is attached a full, gathered or plaited skirt, it is perhaps more becoming than the one-piece dress to girls of ten or twelve years, particularly to those of extremely slender build. For these a model, such as No. 4164, where the length of the skirt is broken midway by two wide horizontal tucks, will also prove becoming.

A Pretty Russian Blouse

The Russian blouse is a great favorite with girls and their mothers because of its excellent style and practicality. A frock of this kind retains its good style as long as it lasts and is sure to prove becoming. The model sketched is unusually attractive because of its well-shaped collar and shield of contrasting fabric while the soft silk scarf tied in a sailor's knot is pleasing and matches the leather belt in color. The blouse is of the regulation Russian style, closing at one side of the front and extending down over the skirt in double skirt effect. A dress of this kind is suitable for wear on all except dressy occasions and may be made of any cloth or washable fabric. The medium size calls for 3½ yards of 44-inch material. No. 4074 is cut in sizes, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14 years.



Pattern No. 4096

Overalls For the Boy

There is no end of fun to be found in these overalls which may be slipped on over any suit at a moment's notice and there is not a boy who would not enjoy wearing them. Such garments as these are indispensable when there is a young American to be clothed and the lads are wearing them a great deal now-a-days and with good reason, for they protect the suit from dirt and wear and prove themselves invaluable as a labor saver for mothers. They may be made of any stout material such as crash or denim. For the medium size 2½ yards are needed. No. 4096 is cut in sizes, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 years.



Pattern No. 4106

A Sensible Wrapper for a Girl

The young girl enjoys a loose comfortable wrapper quite as much as older maidens and a wrapper is sketched here which is simple enough for the girl to fashion herself. Tucks simulating double box plaits at each side of the front and in back provide fullness for the skirt and they may be made quite attractive with feather stitching. The sleeves are long and loose while the flat collar relieves the neck from all restraint. Chailis, cashmere, or soft silk might be developed in this way and 3½ yards 44 inches wide are needed for the medium size. No. 4106 is cut in sizes 4 to 14 years.



Pattern No. 4071

A Long Waisted Petticoat

With the present mode for French dresses, the little maid should own some long waisted petticoats to wear with them. These are even more necessary to the satisfactory appearance of the small French dress with its abbreviated skirt than the princess lining to Mother's dress of that order. The waist portion of this is fitted easily to the lines of the body while the short, full attached petticoat assists the flare of the dress worn over it. The neck may be made high and the sleeves may be used if desired. For the medium size 1½ yards 36 inches wide are needed. No. 4052 is cut in sizes, 1, 3, 5 and 7 years.



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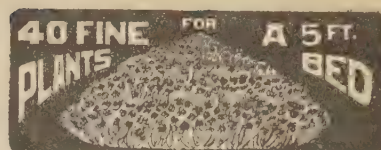
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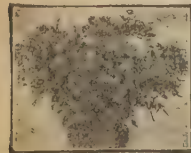
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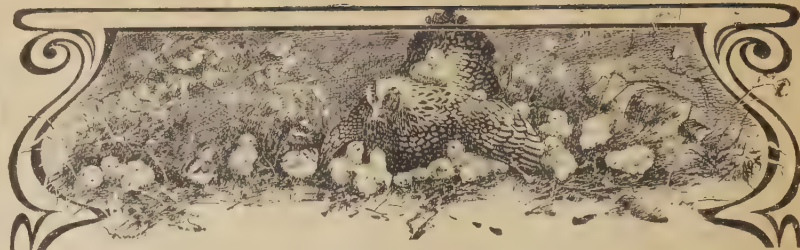
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Poultry Culture in the South

By Hiram P. Ketcham

The first impression that one gets of the poultry industry in the South is those tempting chicken sandwiches that are for sale at stations where your train stops going South from Washington. And how good they taste, too; there is something about them that seems to make them very different from any fried chicken that can be bought in the North.

Looking out of your car window one can see at many of the stations several empty slated coops which are used to market the broilers, even the smallest stations may have one or two coops which goes to show that the "fried chicken" industry is no small item.

Climate

The climate is one of the most important and also most favorable to the success of poultry culture. The advantages of a mild winter, plenty of warm

be fed dry or made into meal. These cow peas and corn will grow and give good crops on the sandy soil as well as the heavier loam or clay. The white southern corn I consider is the finest corn grown for either man or beast. There are plenty of mills where the corn can be cracked which gives a much better feeding value for poultry. Quite a number of sections produce good crops of wheat and oats, so you see that all the principal grains used in feeding poultry can be grown on your farm or purchased easily. This item is important because you can have pure sweet grains of the different varieties which gives a much better feeding value and are also much healthier than musty grains and sweepings which one often gets in other sections.

Breeds

There is one thing almost certain, if you see a flock of poultry in the South, that most of them will be Games, of the Pit variety, or the game blood predominating in any of the mixtures, and I am



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sunshiny days, good drainage to soil, good water, the fowls having free range (owing to absence of snow), and thereby making it easy to get plenty of fresh eggs in winter and getting a large percentage of fertile eggs and early hatched chicks—these advantages and many more can be more fully appreciated and understood by those that breed poultry, either for fancy or market.

Soil

The soil of the South is of course different in some sections than others. A good deal of it is sand and sandy loam which is fine for poultry because of the perfect drainage, and the water of the sandy sections is generally of the best. Where the soil is of a heavier composition, such as a clay or a clay loam, there is always plenty of places for poultry yards or houses where the ground has plenty of slope or incline to give good sanitary conditions.

Feed

The food used mostly are cow peas, which answer many purposes. They can be used for green food; cut and cured for hay; allowed to ripen on vines they are fine for fowls to range on, or picked, can

sorry to say that one sees the mixtures or cross bred ones too often. But the people are now taking an interest in the general purpose breeds and are purchasing standard-bred stocks quite frequently, also the Northern men that have gone South have done a great deal toward introducing the dual purpose breeds. Let it be understood though that the Games were the right birds for the South in the past. Then there was vermin seeking to destroy them at every turn and it took just such fighting qualities as the Games possess to exist, other breeds could not have had the courage. There are some sections now where the Games are necessary, but plenty of places where the American breeds could be more profitable bred. The Games are a fine table bird owing to the fine breast meat, but are generally small size and do not lay so plentifully as some other breeds as a rule. The Rhode Island Reds are much sought after in the South at present for the reason that they have plenty of breast meat, good sized carcass and are good layers.

The duck and geese raised here are limited only to a few sections, but there is no reason why they could not be more plentifully and profitably bred. Turkeys are at home in the South, many wild ones being found in almost every state. These

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The following quaint lines from a poet, testify that it was an ancient custom to serve collops on the Monday following the Quinquagesima Sunday:

"And I saye, be my soule I have no salt bacon,
Ne no cockneyes, bi Crist, colopus to maken."

This day before Lent was a sacred one in Old England. It was the custom to ring the church bells and assemble the entire population to confession on this last day before Lent, in order that all might be shriven and could begin this devout season with a fresh start, freed of past sins and mistakes. This is the source of its name, "Shrove Tuesday," from the old verb to shrive.

It was also a day of universal gourmandizing, in preparation for the six weeks' fast about to follow, and all sorts of games and out of doors sports were indulged in at this season, the children going from house to house singing doggerels and begging food; an amusing game was played called "Thrashing the Hen," at the conclusion of which the hen was killed and boiled to be served with fritters and pancakes and a football game was always played between the parishes of St. Peter and All Saints. All manner and kinds of pancakes and fritters may be served on Shrove Tuesday, and by following a few simple rules such a tempting array of them may be prepared as would tempt an anchorite to feast. Fritter batter must be thick enough to coat over whatever is dipped into it, and should be lightened only by thoroughly beating the eggs. It must be thick enough to cling to articles encased, otherwise it will run off in the hot fat.

Pancake batter should be about the consistency of cream and should be baked in a small frying pan. When once the art of making plain batter is mastered, the different kinds may be concocted, differing only according to the ingredients used. The plain batter is made by beating, till light, four eggs, adding to this four large tablespoons of sugar, half a cupful of softened butter, pinch of salt, a pint of milk and two-thirds of a cupful of flour. Use a perfectly smooth frying pan or the cakes will stick, butter it, and when hot pour in enough batter to cover the bottom of it. When done spread with jelly, sprinkle with powdered sugar and serve at once on a hot platter. The Salmon fritters so popular and pleasing to most palates are made by stirring into the plain batter enough salmon to make half the quantity of batter. Drain on unglazed brown paper and serve hot.

Where the fruit fritter is preferred, nothing takes the place of the luscious pineapple. It is prepared by grating fine, saving the juice, and adding enough water to it to make a pint. Sift a pint of flour—using juice to make the batter—one-half teaspoonful of salt and yolk of one egg, drop by spoonfuls into hot fat. Drain, dust with powdered sugar, and serve.

A very good rule to follow in making rice pancakes is to boil one-half pound of rice to a jelly in a small quantity of water and let it get cool. Mix with it a pint of cream, six eggs, a pinch of salt, eight ounces of melted butter and sufficient flour to make like thick cream, fry quickly.

When something especially dainty and appetizing is desired, the banana fritter has no superior. Make a batter of a cupful of sweet milk, two eggs beaten light, one-half teaspoonful of baking powder, a pinch of salt and enough flour to make a stiff paste. Peel bananas, slice lengthwise and fry in deep fat. Dust with powdered sugar.

Few housewives who have not tried it can dream of the richness and flavor of the canned gooseberry fritter. Make the usual batter, and for every one and one-half cupfuls of it use one cupful of the fruit, adding enough sugar to the batter to make it very sweet. Mix fruit with the batter and drop by spoonfuls into hot fat.

Lemon fritters find favor especially when made in this manner: Peel two lemons, remove all the white skin and cut into crosswise slices; take out all the seeds, dip each slice into stiff batter and fry in deep fat. Serve with a lemon sauce.

Apple fritters are made more frequently than any other variety, as they are so easily and quickly made and are a general favorite. The following old fashioned recipe has been used for years and never fails. Beat the yolks of two eggs, add one teaspoonful of milk and one-half cupful of flour, with one teaspoonful of baking powder and a pinch of salt sifted with it, then add two large, juicy grated apples, lastly adding the stiff whites.

Dust with sugar and cinnamon. Cut peeled peaches in half, sprinkle with sugar moistened with maraschino and roll them in powdered macaroons before dipping them in the batter; fry brown, roll in sugar and you will have a food "fit for the gods."

Improvements in transportation and refrigerating facilities have made fresh fish obtainable at all times, and nothing so appeals to the epicure as clam fritters. Select about twenty-five finely chopped clams, add to a stiff batter and drop by spoonfuls into deep fat. Be careful not to pierce them with the fork when removing from the fat.

Among the numerous appetizing ways in which rhubarb may be prepared, none is more pleasing than when it is chopped up and added to plain fritter batter. The method most in vogue throughout the South is when fried to a golden brown sprinkling them over with grated nutmeg and serving with maple syrup.

Oysters never seem to grow monotonous to even the most jaded palate, and few menus can be found without them served in some attractive way. Not the least attractive of these is in the form of fritters made as follows:

To a cupful of the liquid add a cupful of sweet milk, four eggs, a saltspoonful of salt and enough flour to make a stiff batter, add a pint of chopped oysters and fry in smoking fat.

Nothing combines more pleasingly than nuts and fruits, and for something out of the general order of fritters they furnish all one might wish. Make stiff fritter batter and add one cupful each of finely chopped raisins, dates and nut meats. Drop in hot fat and brown. Sprinkle over with powdered sugar and serve.

Frog fritters are more delicate than any others made of meat. They should be

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Propagating Azaleas and Poinsettias

How can I propagate Azaleas and Poinsettias?
—A. R. M., Indiana.

Azaleas are propagated most successfully in April and May from cuttings of the new growth or half-ripened wood. Take cuttings about two and one-half inches in length, remove two or three of the lower leaves and shorten the remaining leaves about one-half. Insert these cuttings an inch in depth in sand in a shallow box or pan. Take special care that the drainage is good by placing bits of broken pots about one-half inch deep in the bottom of the box. Firm the sand well before inserting the cuttings. Cover with glass during the day time, but uncover at night. Air should be given by lifting the glass a little each day, gradually raising the glass more and more so that the plants may become hardened. Cuttings should be syringed every day to keep off insects. After two weeks the glass may be left off entirely; at the end of six weeks the cuttings should be well rooted and ready for potting off. It is not an easy matter for an amateur to propagate azaleas. Very few are raised from cuttings in this country, as it is much cheaper to import plants from Holland and Belgium.

Poinsettias may be propagated by taking four or five inch cuttings of the one year old wood, or by young shoots with a heel of hard wood about March. Or the green tops, about six or eight inches long, may be taken in August, planted in well-drained four-inch pots and given mild bottom heat, in a rather humid atmosphere. They should not be over watered or too densely shaded.

White Worms—Freesias—Sweet Peas

1. Please tell me what to do to kill the little white worms in my house plants. I have tried ammonia, but it does not kill the worms. The dirt seems to be full of them.

2. Can freesia bulbs be made to grow and blossom with ordinary care after the first season after they have been obtained from the florist? Mine grow nicely but do not blossom.

3. Please tell me what to do for Sweet Peas to make them grow and blossom. A little while after they come up mine turn yellow and die. If any vines manage to live through this, green lice get on them and kill them. What can I do for them?—M. A. J., Pa.

1. For the white wire worms in the soil use weak lime water about once a week until they cease to be troublesome. Another remedy said to be never-failing is to mix earth and sand for potting purposes, put in baking tins, set in oven and heat until it is too hot to hold your hand in; stir occasionally. When thoroughly heated pour out on paper to get cool before putting plants into it.

2. No bulbs do well for forcing a second time. It is doubtful if Freesias could be made to bloom satisfactorily a second time under any treatment. Better get fresh bulbs every year, procuring and potting them as early as possible in the fall.

3. Sweet peas should not be planted in the same place two years in succession. They should have a tolerably rich soil, but it should not be over enriched or the vines will grow at the expense of the blossoms. If the soil is light, treading or rolling it down will tend to prevent early blight. A light mulch which will shade the ground and keep it moist is beneficial. For the green lice, or aphids, use kerosene emulsion.

Tulip Seed—Peony Seed—Lilium Croceum—Nigella

1. Is it possible for the ordinary numbskull to grow Tulips from seed? If so, how shall I go about it?

2. How and when shall I sow Peony seed?

3. Does the Lilium croceum have long, narrow leaves and a flower looking upward?

4. The Fennel flower, variously known as The

Devil in a Bush, Love in a Mist, Lady in Green, etc., was a bright single flower on a plant a foot or more high, in my younger days. Last spring I sent for "improved" seed and the plants are deformed and the flowers positively ugly. Can the old single sort be had? If so, by what name shall I order?—F. S. G., New York.

1. Tulip seed should be sown in boxes of light, sandy soil in late winter and placed in a cold frame. The next season the young bulbs should be planted in a prepared bed outside. Tulip seed is not difficult to make grow.

2. Peony seed should be sown as soon as ripe. It takes two years for the seeds to germinate, or, at least, the seedlings seldom rise above the surface the first year, all their energy being spent in the formation of roots.

3. Yes, Lilium croceum has narrow leaves and the blossom is erect.

4. If you order Nigella damascena and say that you wish the old-fashioned kind, you will probably get what you want. The "improved," dwarf variety does not

seem to be as satisfactory as the old-fashioned sort.

Dahlias Blighting—Chinch Bug

My Dahlias have blighted for several years. By close watching I found it was caused by what is called here the Chinch bug. They are found very plenty upon the tassels of corn. They are about one-fourth of an inch long and somewhat mottled in color. They not only eat Dahlias, but Marigolds also. I have found no remedy except killing them by hand, which takes much time. If you know of a remedy please publish it in the magazine. I find the magazine very helpful in floral culture. J. N. S., New Hampshire.

The best remedy for the Chinch bug is Kerosene emulsion. The formula for preparing it has been given several times in Vick's, but we give it again for the benefit of those who may not have seen it in previous numbers.

Take one and one-half pounds of soap, one gallon soft boiling water, two gal-

lons kerosene. Dissolve the soap in the water, add the kerosene and churn with a pump five or ten minutes. Dilute from four to twenty-five times before using.

Carolina Poplar Trees

Will you please inform me through the magazine how to start Carolina Poplar trees. I would like to raise some young trees.—Mrs. E. H., Pa.

Cuttings about ten inches long should be made in January or February. Tie these in bunches and bury them with the tops up. If the ground is not in such a condition that they can be buried outside, put them in sand in the cellar. In April or May plant them in rows about six inches apart.

Hydrangea

I want to ask your advice about a Hydrangea Thomas Hogg. It bloomed nicely when I kept

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To Use Knit Drawers

A union suit for the little man can be made from old drawers. Cut the top of the front for the neck and open to the waist line or farther. Cut the legs at the seam small enough to fit. Cut across the back for the opening and insert a gore in the seat to make large enough. Do not cut the sides down straight but slant towards the front. Sew a piece on the lower part of back to lap under the seat like the boughten ones. The sleeves and this under lap will have to be made of another pair as there is only enough material in one pair for the body of the suit. A pattern would be a help, but I made a suit for my lad of seven which is warm and not bunglesome. Face all raw edges with cotton and the seams are nicer to press open and cat stitch down.

—Attie D. Eddy.

Child's Ear Cap

I used four one-inch strips of pink cambric muslin, neatly hemmed. One strip passes around the face, another across middle of head. These meet over the ears, the third around back of neck, and the last joins the other there, this running from middle of forehead to nap of neck.

The beauty of this little cap is that it is so much cooler, does not annoy the child so soon, and can be made to fit more perfectly across the ears than an ordinary sleeping cap. Ribbon or strings of the material to tie.

—Mrs. Charles Green.

For Kitchen Floors

Table oilcloth makes a cheap and satisfactory covering for kitchen floors. Do not tack it, as this is apt to leave wrinkles which would soon wear out. Paste it down by applying flour paste to the floor; lay down your strip, measured and cut, and carefully smooth out all wrinkles. Lap the strips about one-half inch. Be careful not to wrinkle it until dry, when it can be washed and cleaned without coming loose, unless allowed to become water soaked.—L. C. H.

To Clean Hands

To heal up when they are chapped, keep a dish of wheat bran, on shelf near sink and once or twice a day when washing hands, soap your hands and then take a small handful of bran and wet it thoroughly and then rub hands faithfully for five minutes or more, especially when they are grimy and dark across the knuckles and wrists, and then wash off. Hands will be white and clean and if chapped will heal them up at once. If very sore and bad, take same method at night before going to bed leaving out the soap, then shake them well to shake off coarse part and dry the fine part on before the stove.

To Separate Egg

When separating the yolk from the white of an egg, break the shell by striking gently against the edge of a dish. The yolk is retained in one portion of the shell while the white is allowed to drop over and fall into the dish. Transfer the yolk from one half shell to the other several times and after each change run the finger along broken edge of shell to cut the white away. By the use of the finger the entire white is separated without danger of the yolk being drawn over the edge and broken.

For the Sickroom

One of the most useful contrivances the home tinker can make, is a little bench about a foot wide and three feet long, supported on end pieces about ten inches high. It will be found the greatest comfort when placed across the lap

of a sick person in bed to rest the tray of dishes upon, taking the weight from the limbs so that one may move without upsetting the food. Paint it red, so that it will contrast cheerfully with the napery and china. Nothing that requires so little work and trouble as this is could give the satisfaction it does when in use.—A. R.

To Preserve Oilcloth

Oilcloth looks better and lasts longer if polished with beeswax and turpentine than if washed. To make polish dissolve an ounce of beeswax in a pint of turpentine. Apply with one piece of flannel and polish with another. To get a good effect quickly be careful always to use clean cloths. Old woolen vests, etc., will answer the purpose, and it is really a saving of time in the end if they are washed each time they are used.—A. R.

To Remove Stopper from a Glass Bottle

If it refuses to turn pour on a few drops of glycerine or sweet oil and let it stand two or three days. If then it does not move pour on more. It will not affect the contents of the bottle, but will eventually disappear and work into the neck of the bottle.

I never knew it to fail if persisted in.—C. E. H.

Sleeve Linings

I have been troubled with the sleeve linings of my coats wearing out under the arms. To prevent this I sew a stout piece of cambric (preferably of the same color as the lining) over the seam, somewhat in the way of putting in a shield; that is, sewing a round or oval piece partly into the sleeve and partly to the body of the coat.—E. B. W.

To Prevent Milk from Scorching

If vessels in which milk is to be boiled are first well greased with lard, the milk will not burn on as bad. This hint is especially useful when one is making hasty or minute pudding, corn starch, etc.—M. H. G.

To Clean Windows

When ready to wash the windows put a teaspoonful of kerosene in the water with which you wash them and see how bright and clean they will look and they come clean so quickly too.

I was skeptical at first, but have tried it this year and found it true.—F. M. C.

When Baking Bread

A tomato can melted open and cut to fit the side or end of the bread pan is handy to have. When the bread threatens to run over, grease the tin and slip it in at side or end as needed and it will prevent unsightly loaves.—M. H. G.

When Roasting Meat

When roasting a turkey, or other meat, that may become dry, first cover the meat with very thin pieces of bacon or pork, and the meat will be found much more juicy and palatable.—E. M. V.

A Hot Oven

If you are baking a cake, or anything, that you are afraid of burning, just place in the oven a dish of cold water.—E. M. V.

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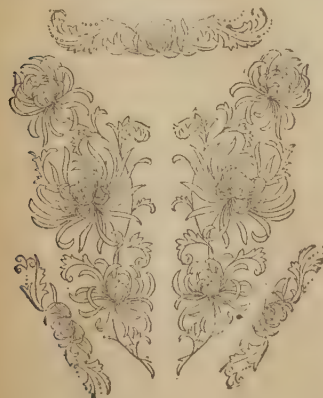
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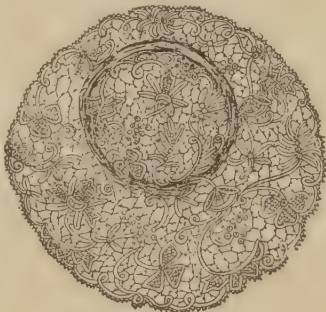
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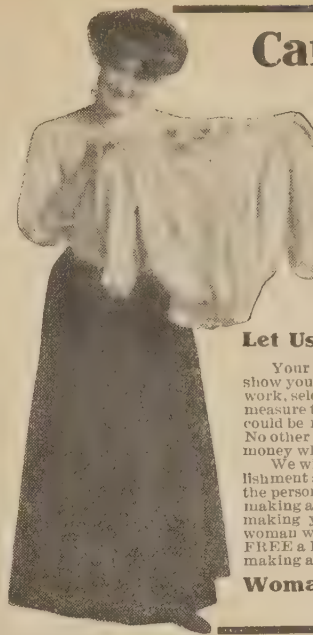
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IT WAS a cool October morning, and being alone, Mrs. Ray thought it a convenient hour to write the poem which had been requested from each member of the "Resolute"

club.

Hurrying through her work she turned the key in the door, then seating herself at her desk, bent to the task before her, hoping not to be disturbed.

For some time she sat in deep meditation, not finding a subject that gave satisfaction; then the thought of patience seemed to harmonize with the club's resolute spirits, and choosing that for her theme, she began for the first time in her life to try and compose a rhyme. She had gotten as far as—

"It requires much patience to try to write,"

when a ring at the door bell startled her nervously, and on returning, added without hesitation—

"When the door-bell is ringing with all its might.

It was only a peddler, but still you see It interrupted my poetry."

Reading that over, she concluded it would do if she could remember to pronounce the last word po-it-ry to rhyme with see, so again she proceeded—

"If we could but have a few quiet hours, To enlarge our minds and strengthen our powers,"

That last line did not just satisfy some way, but, as again the bell sounded from below—

"If that door-bell don't cease such a rush as this, I know that my patience will cease to exist."

This time it was a neighbor whose son was soon to be married, and wishing to bake the wedding loaf, she had come to borrow Mrs. Ray's large cake-tin. She was obliged at once and hurried from the yard, Mrs. Ray returning to her poem where, after much thought, she added—

"When a man gets married and takes a wife,

It's a steady job for the rest of his life; And it oft requires patience to make the knot hold.

It is used more or less on both sides I am told."

She read over her three verses. Did they compose a poem? she wondered, and would she ever dare to read it before a crowd? Again the door-bell was making itself heard.

"Oh that bell," she exclaimed desperately. "If I were a man I could compose a rhyme that would be appropriate for impatience."

A lady stood at the door.

"My dear Estelle, how glad I am to see you again after all these years," and kissing her rapturously, "I have but a moment to spare, just changing trains you know on my way to Philadelphia. How well you are looking, and not a mite changed. I should have known

you anywhere, and," with another kiss, "I am so glad you knew me; it would have broken me completely if you had not, for I am sensitive above all things on that point."

Mrs. Ray had stood silent through this burst of affection, but which one of her old friends this lady represented, she had not the least idea, and after that last remark it would never do to admit as much.

"I left my son at the station," the lady continued, as she was led to the cosy parlor, "He met a man with whom he became acquainted while at college."

"It seems impossible that you should have a son old enough to attend college," Mrs. Ray ventured, "What is his name? I think I have forgotten," she added, thinking that the name might enlighten her as to her friends identity.

"Oh, he was named for his father," her friend replied quickly, "and our daughter is named for me, so we are well satisfied you see; and I have such a pleasant home, you must come and make us a visit," she urged eagerly.

"And where are you living now?" Estelle questioned carefully.

"In the same place. We like city life, and after a man has been in business as long as my husband, he would never be contented to retire."

"And his business is—?"

"The same old thing," the lady replied laughing. "It has brought us a good living and that is what we want."

Mrs. Ray's patience was well-nigh exhausted. Why could not the woman answer so she could learn something definite concerning her life?

"Have you traveled far?" she inquired. "Only from Boston today. We left home a week ago, and I told my husband that I would not pass this station without just calling on you, and to think you knew me so quickly; he said you would not, but men never know how much their wives have changed. Now I must go, the train leaves in twenty minutes. Remember me to your husband," and rushing from the house, she was out of sight almost before Mrs. Ray could draw her breath.

"Well, that does beat all!" she expostulated, "Why didn't I inquire her name? I have no patience with myself," and returning to her room, she grasped her pen recklessly, while she wrote—

"I have tried to write a poem, I did not crave for fame, But just to do my best to help Our club and be free from blame. But the many interruptions Have led me a lively race, And patience may be right for some, But it does not suit my case."

When her husband entered the house that night, he was greeted with her day's experience, and the poem was laid before him.

"Now what do you think of it, Will?" she asked anxiously.

"I think," he answered, a roguish smile hovering around his lips, "that if the door-bell had given one more ring, my wife would have become famous."

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A gold-colored catalogue from the land of sunshine and flowers. This is sent out by The Germain Seed Co., of Los Angeles, Cal. It is particularly interesting, for it shows many plants and shrubs which are strangers to the eastern coast, and gives many useful hints about enrichment and cultivation.

Peter Henderson and Co., New York City, forward a catalogue which is quite handsome enough for a gift book, from its most artistic cover showing both a water and land garden, through to the back cover with its smiling gardener and his barrow full of vegetables. Many of the beautiful illustrations are from photographs, which is really the most satisfactory way of displaying growing things, as then you see them as they are. There are several colored illustrations, and on one of them is shown the marvelous colors which the sweet pea takes these days. The sweet old-fashioned "Painted Lady," could hardly recognize her sisters.

The Iowa Seed Co., Des Moines, Iowa, make a run on "Beauty" Roses, showing on their cover six varieties of different colored flowers, the "Moss Beauty" being perhaps the loveliest of them all. They also present very fine colored vegetable plates, the corn being very choice, and well deserving its name of "Iowa Gold Mine." Their "Jupiter" Fuchsia is a magnificent double flower and they have a large stock of very choice clematis.

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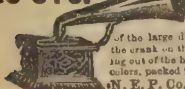
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backing broncos? Oh, it would be glorious!" she laughed.

"I believe it would test his horsemanship most thoroughly," replied Mr. Horton, much amused.

"Ethel," said her mother, chidingly, "you must not think of playing any jokes on Doctor Lenox Avondale." Then, addressing Hugh, she continued, "He is quite a distinguished surgeon, late of the English army. He has been traveling in America for over a year. He belongs to one of the oldest families in England."

"He is so intellectual," observed Mrs. Osborn, "and just *blase* enough to be interesting. He does not pretend to possess great goodness nor innocence, but I daresay, he is quite as good as many who do."

As Mrs. Osborn made this remark she cast a furtive glance at Hugh; and he, remembering their conversation during the drive, colored perceptibly. After dinner Hugh found himself near Ethel.

"Are you a good horseman, Mr. Stanton?" she asked.

"I can't say that I am a good horseman," said Hugh, emphasizing the word "good," "though I am very fond of riding."

"It seems so strange that one like yourself should come away out here on the frontier to live," said the girl, as her eyes rested inquiringly on his face.

"My coming here," replied Hugh, "happened in a most natural way. I do not see anything strange about it. Thousands of people are immigrating to the West."

"Yes, but you had to leave your home and your people," said she.

"Almost everyone does that when he comes to a new country," replied Hugh, "but, unfortunately, I had no people to leave."

"No people!" exclaimed Ethel. "Why, how odd! You must have an interesting history."

"On the contrary," replied Hugh, "it is a very uninteresting one. I am an only child. My father lost his life in the war, and my mother died while I was yet very young—so there you have my genealogy in a nutshell."

"And have you traveled abroad?" "No, I have not as yet treated myself to that pleasure. I have been somewhat of a student. My earlier years were spent with books. After leaving college I engaged in business, and have really had no time for travel."

"Oh, then you are a brain-worker," said Ethel smiling. "I like brain-workers," and her eyes wandered afar down the valley. She was thinking of Jack Redfield.

Hugh was sure that Dr. Lenox Avondale was unworthy of this beautiful girl. He mentally determined to question Mrs. Osborn in regard to Ethel's betrothal on their way home that evening.

"Come often and without formality," was the pressing invitation extended to Hugh as he prepared to go.

"Just drop in at any time," said John Horton, "and you will always find a welcome."

Hugh assured them that he would take advantage of their kind invitation, and when he and Mrs. Osborn started away down the country road he told her that he had never spent a more pleasant evening in his life.

"You must not forget what I told you," said she, looking volumes at him with her expressive eyes.

"Oh, you mean in regard to Miss Ethel," said Hugh, innocently.

"That is exactly what I mean," replied Mrs. Osborn, laughing. "I told you that she was spoken for, and, now mind, you must behave or I shall not take you to the Hortons again."

Hugh laughed good-naturedly, and presently said: "Mrs. Osborn, is there no way to break that Englishman's head? I hardly think it's fair to lose such a jewel as Miss Ethel from the Southwest."

"I knew it," said Mrs. Osborn, looking archly at Hugh. "I knew you were a silly fellow who would fall in love at the slightest provocation. I know of no way you could break Doctor Lenox Avondale's head, but I have an idea that he is a sufficiently determined English-

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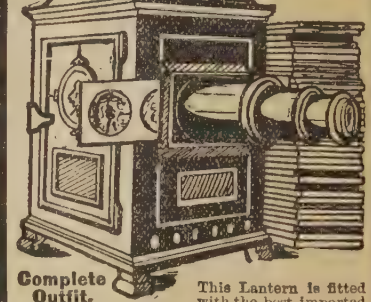
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"Do you call Miss Ethel a 'slight provocation'?" inquired Hugh.

"Well, perhaps not so slight as some others might be," replied Mrs. Osborn, condescendingly.

"Put your mind at rest," Hugh continued, "for I did not lose my heart irrevocably, as you seem to suppose. That young lady appeals to my chivalry and respect, and I would be quite satisfied if I had the right to ward off a danger if I saw it approaching her."

Mrs. Osborn laughed softly to herself.

"I presume you think that I am modest in my wishes," said Hugh, "or, possibly, you quite disbelieve me, but I assure you I state truthfully my position."

"That may be your position to-night," said Mrs. Osborn, "but what will it be to-morrow or next week or next month?"

Hugh made no reply. As they alighted from the carriage at the Osborn door, she laid a hand on Hugh's arm, and, bending toward him, she asked, in a soft, pleading voice:

"What would you give—what would you do for a friend who would tell you how to supplant Doctor Lenox Avondale?"

Hugh drew himself up in surprise and answered, "Nothing, Mrs. Osborn, absolutely nothing. If the Englishman is Miss Ethel's choice, then he is my choice."

The intense expression on her face gave way and she smiled, "What a valiant knight you are. I admire such men, I do indeed. Of course you know I was only jesting, for I assure you no one could supplant Doctor Lenox Avondale. He is quite secure indeed."

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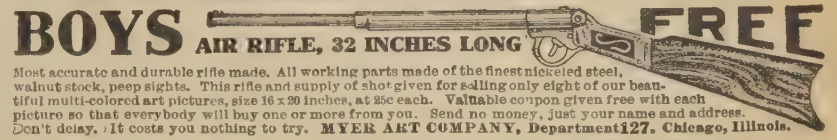
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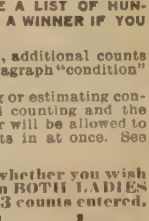
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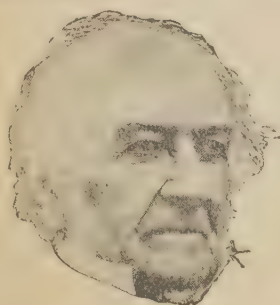
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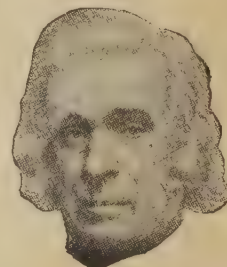
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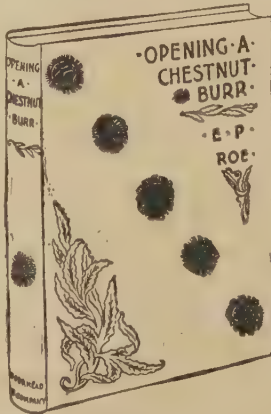
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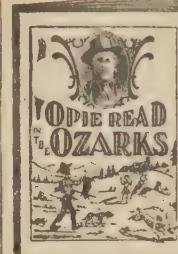
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Among Our Flowers

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seed, and it was in this land of dikes and
ditches where gardening was so success-
fully carried on, that the tulip was
destined to make the greatest impression.

By great care in cultivation and hybrid-
izing many new varieties were produced,
and gradually the interest in this flower
increased until the phlegmatic Dutchman
became an enthusiast. The early pur-
chasers were cultivators who were prompt-
ed by a desire to possess the plants them-
selves, but in 1634 the passion for them
became so strong that dealing in these
bulbs came to be one of the most impor-
tant money speculations, and their price
rose above that of the precious metals.
It is a mistake, however, to suppose that
the high prices paid for bulbs represented
the estimated value of a root. It was
simply a speculation in which tulips
were sold and resold in the same manner
as stocks are on the Stock Exchange. In
1636 tulip marts were established in
Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Haarlem, Ley-
den, and various other towns, and bulbs
were bought and sold without being seen
or even being in existence.

This rage of speculation in these bulbs
was called tulipomania. Like a violent
epidemic it seized upon the community,
and all classes of society were carried
away by it. The speculation was not
only indulged in by mercantile people,
but by noblemen, mechanics and farmers,
chimney sweeps and maidservants, in
fact by citizens of every description.

Some particularly rare varieties were
sold at fabulous prices. One named
Semper Augustus, of which only two
bulbs were really in existence, one at
The Hague and the other in Amsterdam,
brought the enormous price of 1300
florins, about \$5200.

Another buyer gave 4600 florins, to-
gether with a new carriage, two gray
horses and a complete harness, and still
another agreed to give twelve acres of
land for a single bulb.

For one root of a variety called the
Viceroy, the following articles were
offered: two lasts of wheat, four lasts of
rye, four fat oxen, three fat swine,
twelve fat sheep, two hogsheads of wine,
four tons of beer, two tons of butter, 1000
pounds of cheese, a bed, a suit of clothes
and a silver beaker. The aggregate
value of these articles was 2500 florins.

At first everyone won and no one lost
in this mad speculation, but in time
many became ruined. Disasters and
misery such as the records of commerce
or of bankruptcies can scarcely parallel,
overwhelmed the country. Finally the
Dutch government found it necessary to
interfere, and passed laws restricting the
traffic. Then, after three years of unpre-
cedented speculation when fortunes were
won and lost in a day, the tulipomania
subsided; but the ardent love of the
flower from which this curious mania
arose was not quenched, and it has ever
since maintained a great influence over
the Dutch floriculturists. The production
of new varieties continued upon a normal
basis, and Holland is still the great
center of the tulip raising industry to
which most countries look for their
supplies.

In 1879, more than 200 years after the
subsidence of the tulipomania, an inci-
dent occurred which brought forcibly to
mind that curious era of speculation and
some of the results which proceeded
from it. Two houses in the main street
of Hoorn, about twenty miles from
Amsterdam, were offered for sale for
demolition. These houses were pur-
chased with the proceeds of three tulip
bulbs, during the tulip trade which
flourished from 1634 to 1637. The record
of this remarkable purchase was preserved
in a stone inserted in the gable of one
of the houses.

It is impossible to look at a large
collection of tulips in bloom and not be
charmed with their surpassing beauty.
The commanding grace of the flowers,
the artistic markings which they present, all
go to make up a lovely picture. Almost
every hue from the most vivid to the
softest and most delicate is represented,
and, looking at them, one does not so
much wonder at the enthusiastic love of
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Cattle Ranch to College

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At the head of the party rode Charley Green, with his long-eared charges, busy at his self-imposed task of "mule-wrangling." He was new to the business, and it seemed as if the beasts he was herding were aware of this. For a while all would go smoothly, the animals closely bunched, heads down, ears drooped forward, the picture of innocence and dejection; then suddenly a lanky brute would start out from one side as if propelled from a gun, and no sooner had Charley dug the spurs into his pony in his efforts to head it off than another mule would start off on the other side. Then the whole bunch would scatter, radiating from a common centre like the spokes of a wheel. John, Ben, and one of the men (called Tongue-Tied Ted, because of his few words) took a hand in the game at last, and together they rounded up the stock into a compact bunch again.

All this was very amusing for the old hands, but Charley did not seem to enjoy it.

"Mule-wrangling is no snap," he grumbled. "Why, it's easier to stop a whole rush line than to take care of that gang of long-eared, rail-backed, dirt-colored, knock-kneed horse imitators."

He had to tackle the job alone, however, for only by experience could he learn, and experience is a hard and thorough teacher.

The boys trotted alongside, now riding far ahead, now making their ponies show off near the wagons. Excursions were made from time to time to shoot at prairie dogs, rabbits, and coyotes. But even this grew monotonous after a while, and they began to cast about in their minds for amusement. "Let's go to the river where it makes a bend over there and take a swim," said Ben, at last.

It was no sooner said than done. They were left to look out for themselves much of the time, so they went off without saying a word to any one.

Soon the caravan was lost to view, and after a few minutes' more riding even the shouts of the men and the barking of the dogs could not be heard.

The boys had that delightful feeling of entire freedom and half fear which comes to the in-experienced thrown upon their own resources. The prairie was perfectly still and the heat was scorching, for the sun was still high. It was a little awesome, and for a minute John and Ben wished they were back with their friends. The thought of a cool dip was very enticing, however, and they would both have been ashamed to turn back now, so they cantered along, keeping up each other's courage by shouting and laughing. Reaching the river, they scrambled down the steep slope, leaving their horses to graze on the level, and in a jiffy were enjoying a swim in the "Big Muddy." The bottom was free from quicksands, so the brothers enjoyed themselves to their hearts' content.

They swam, ducked, and dug in the mud, as full of glee as could be. For an hour or more they revelled in their sport; then John dropped the handful of dirt he was about to throw and looked around, half scared. "Hailo," he said, "it's getting dark. We'd better get a move on." They slid into their clothes as only boys can, and in a few seconds had regained the top of the bank.

The sun, a fiery red ball, was low down in the western sky and almost ready to drop out of sight altogether.

"Why!" exclaimed Ben. "Where are the horses?"

They looked hurriedly around and then scanned the rolling prairie and sage bushes in every direction.

But the horses were not to be seen. Nor was the wagon train in sight. Not a living thing was visible on the horizon; not a sound could be heard anywhere. On every side there were only monotonous clumps of sage, and the sun was getting lower and lower every moment.

They rushed to a knoll and searched again. All around stretched the prairie—bare, still, hopeless. Then they looked at each other for the first time. Ben began to whimper.

"Come, brace up," said John, taking the elder brother's part. "I know the

trail; we'll catch up to them in no time."

His tone was cheerful, but he appeared more at ease than he really was. It was not a pleasant situation for even a full-grown man, one well versed in the signs of the plains, its landmarks, and deceptions.

The boys were in an unfamiliar section of the country, without food or means of transportation, at nightfall. Their lessons of self-reliance stood them in good stead now, and they started off bravely, striking away from the river in the direction of the wagon trail. After walking a half hour they came across the distinct deep rut of wagons.

This was a great encouragement; it was like a friendly grasp of the hand, for they felt that they were now in touch with men and living things, though neither was within sight or sound.

Only the palest kind of twilight now remained, but the trail could be seen

quite distinctly and both boys took heart. "I'd give my gun for a piece of jerked buffalo meat," said Ben.

"Well, I wouldn't mind munching a bean myself," replied his brother. "But say, won't that feed taste good when we get to the camp? Just think of that big fire with the men lying around it, and the wagons drawn in a circle outside all."

"Oh, stop," broke in Ben, peevishly. "I'm hungry enough and tired enough already, and your talk makes me ten times worse."

Hour after hour they tramped along, their courage ebbing with every step. Expecting when they reached the crest of each little rise to see the bustling camp at the foot of the slope, each time they again took up the weary march with a heavier load of disappointment and uneasiness.

Thirst, as well as hunger, now began to attack them. It was dry weather, and

the dust rose into their faces as they walked, tickling throat and nose, and causing the greatest discomfort. From time to time they lingered to rest, but when they stopped the darkness frightened them, and the awful stillness, broken only by the wailing howl of a coyote and the low moan of the rising wind, drove them on relentlessly.

At last Ben declared that he couldn't go any further but as soon as they stopped his courage failed him and he burst into tears. John comforted him as well as he could but he was himself at his wits' ends.

"Come along, old man," he urged after a while, "let's have one more try at it."

Again they started off wearily and slowly, John with an arm about his younger brother. They had walked only a few minutes when Ben felt his brother's

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Vick's Magazine	50	
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Vick's Magazine	50	
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Woman's Magazine
Woman's World

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As fish is at its best at this season, the delicious shad is in great demand; for fritters it is especially desirable. The batter for this is made in a different way than usually. Mix one ounce of fresh butter in a teacupful of warm milk, 10 ounces of flour, when smooth add a pinch of celery salt, a salt-spoonful of pepper and a little nutmeg and cayenne, then add one and one-half cupfuls of minced shad and the beaten whites of two eggs. Serve hot, garnished with cresse.

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Now the more this batter is beaten the lighter will be the cake. It should be very smooth and baked with a moderate fire in a pan ten inches by six. Another egg makes this a little richer, but as above it is good enough to please the most exacting taste. The more elaborate way of separating the yolks and whites of the eggs and beating separately does not make the cake one bit more light and feathery.

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Sweet Rusks

At night scald one pint sweet milk, add one compressed yeast cake dissolved in a little warm water and flour to make a stiff dough. In the morning add half cup butter and lard mixed, two eggs, a cup of sugar, one teaspoonful salt. When beaten add flour and knead into a loaf, let it rise and make into baker's rolls. Let rise again, bake when light.

Graham Bread

Three cups of buttermilk, one cup sugar, one egg, one cup of fine graham flour, one tablespoonful butter, one teaspoonful salt, one of soda, stir and bake.

Oatmeal Gems

Two cups sour milk, one cup rolled oats, one and one-half teaspoons soda, one-half teaspoon salt, two heaping tablespoons sugar, two or three teaspoons melted butter or tablespoon sour cream, two cups flour.—J. M. S.

Gems

Two cups flour, one heaping teaspoon baking powder. Salt and sift these together. Butter size of an egg, one and one-third cups sweet milk. Beat thoroughly and bake in a quick oven.—A. J. C.

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Successful Bee Keeping

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The Useful and Ornamental Gourd

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to you, just try it and you will be convinced. Another point in their favor is that bath mittens made of this gourd generally find a ready sale. In fact one little woman finds a good market for these novel bath mittens at a certain well known health resort. It is quite a simple and inexpensive affair and there is no reason why every household should not have a supply of the home-made article.

To make the mittens, take one of those dish-rag gourds that you gathered last summer, or if you did not raise any, then this article will reach you in time to plant a future crop. Peel off the hard outer covering and scrape the seeds from the pulp. Now cut from this fiber-like substance a triangular piece. Or you can place your hand flat on the gourd lining for a pattern and cut the piece to fit the hand. Then take a piece of Turkish towel and cut a piece the same shape as the one cut from the gourd. Overhand these two parts of the mitten together on two sides, leaving the third side or end open so the hand can be run inside. One may use either or both sides of the glove on the skin as they may please.

Those who have tried this bath mitten like it so well that they will use no other.

No one can complain at the cost, and it might be the means of bringing pennies in to the home worker. So it may truly be said that this vine is both useful and ornamental.

Hiding the Lines—A Story for Wives

(Continued from page 4)

"He took up the lamp nervously and went to the clock.

"It is a little later than I expected," he said. "It is twenty minutes after nine."

"Well, do you know to this day it seemed as if that clock stood still for hours; it seemed so long after I heard it strike before he came.

"Of course, the supper that was ready at five was not so good by this time, but he pronounced it the best he ever ate, and I was satisfied. Then it was an agreeable surprise to find so many of the chores done, for which he promised to help me in any way he could, as often as possible, a promise he has never forgotten.

"And so we work together, each for the other, striving to see how much good can be done in this life. I do not wish to boast, but I think I can truthfully say I have never caused my husband an hour's trouble since that never-to-be-forgotten morning.

"Now, if things do not move as I wish them to, I never fret, but wait patiently, and generally a little skilful management with lots of good humor, soon gets things to rights.

"But I do not wish to take any praise to myself, for I believe God changed my heart that day, and since then, I have seen the importance of attending to little things as never before. Little things are the test of our characters, and he who would be ruler over many and great things, must first be faithful over a few and small things."

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Poultry

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wild Toms crossed on domestic hens make strong vigorous birds. Owing to difficulty in rearing turkeys in Northern and Western states the South ought to increase the stock, the conditions being ideal in most states for them. It is only a question of a short time when the Southern people will take more pains and pride in raising standard-bred poultry, and with the favorable climate it will place the poultry industry in the front ranks.

The train service to large cities and the North is such that it does not limit market to local towns, but during the winter season there are so many people at the winter resorts that a fine market is found right at home and the price of fowls and eggs have been steadily going up.

Owing to the mildness of climate giving free range possible all the year, it is best to use the colony houses. Every section has a branch or small stream of water giving an abundance of pure water at all times.

The poultry yards and runs should be planted with shade and fruit trees to give protection against sun in summer; the castor oil bean plant is used quite extensively for shade. When the houses are equipped with the automatic dry feeding hoppers you have a system that is the best.

Of course there are some disadvantages to raising poultry there; principal ones are the large numbers of hawks, owls, foxes, etc., but with proper fencing and closing up houses nights these can be remedied. The diseases of the poultry are few if proper care is taken to fight the lice, fleas, etc. No one will have any disease in his flock if fowls are kept in a good strong healthy condition.

At present the South is a comparatively new field for breeding standard-bred poultry and as soon as the rich natural advantages are understood more, the possibilities are that this industry will add many millions to our wealth and resources.

A Business of His Own

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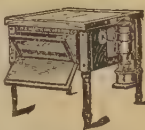
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Cattle Ranch to College

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arm clasp him tighter and heard him give a hoarse shout.

He strained his eyes ahead. There in the darkness was an indistinct moving mass. They redoubled their efforts and presently discovered that it was a wagon drawn by a single team that seemed hardly able to stand and moved forward at a snail's pace.

"Did you see anything of a freight outfit along the trail to-night?" said John huskily to the driver.

The man half raised himself from his lounging position. "Freight outfit?" said he, sleepily. "No."

Then he woke up a little more as Ben broke into tears again. Perceiving their woe-begone appearance, he sat erect, and for the first time took in the situation. "Why, what are you kids doin' here this time of night? Where's your horses? Where's your people?"

John told the story in a few words, while Ben, quite overcome, leaned his head against his brother's arm and went fast asleep standing up.

"And haven't you had anything to eat since noon?" queried the driver in wonder.

"No, nor nothing to drink," answered John, his voice shaking a little in spite of himself at the remembrance.

"Well, I'm sorry, but I'm afraid I can't help you much. I haven't got a bit of grub myself. Thought I would only be out a little while, and expected to reach the rest of my outfit by dinner time, so I didn't bring any feed myself. One of my nags gave out, so I couldn't catch the teams. I guess I can give you a little lift, anyhow. But see here!" he ejaculated, "I guess you're on the wrong trail, ain't you? Your folks must have took the other branch way back yonder; they wouldn't be likely to come over this side."

Brave John collapsed at this. He and Ben had been traveling all this weary time in the wrong direction!

"Never you mind, sonny," said the man, kindly. "We'll find some way out of it," he went on after a minute's silence; "those trails join again after a piece. Perhaps you may meet your outfit there. This branch follows a bend in the river, while the other cuts across country and meets it. See?"

"Yes, sir," said John, dejectedly. "Come, help me get this team of mine started; you'll be sure to find your outfit camped near the fork; there's good water there and they'll wait for you."

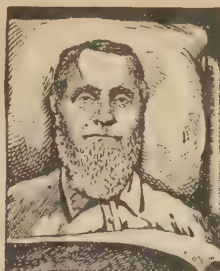
Encouraged once more by his words, John lifted Ben bodily and laid him in the wagon. Then, after a good deal of urging with voice and whip, he got the worn-out team in motion.

For half an hour they moved along without a word being spoken; their new friend relapsed into his huddled-up position, Ben lay asleep in the bottom of the wagon, and John communed with himself. He wondered what his mother thought of their absence, and he felt the responsibility of an elder brother. He knew that the horses would turn up riderless, and that his father would send back over the trail that had been covered by the train, but would not find them. The thought of their anxiety made him doubly impatient at the slow progress made. He longed for Baldy to gallop on and set their minds at rest. Still, they moved along at a pace little faster than a walk. Each step of the weary beasts seemed as if it must be the last.

At length John, who was the only person awake, noticed that the off horse began to sway as he stumbled along. He roused the man at his side and told him he thought the animal was about done for. But the words of warning were hardly out of his mouth when the poor beast dropped like a lump, made a few fruitless attempts to regain his feet, and then lay quiet.

Here was a pretty mess for all hands! The man, with one fagged horse and one almost as bad, ten miles from camp, with no food or water, on a trail over which hardly any one passed.

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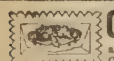
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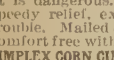
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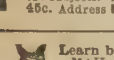
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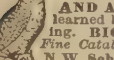
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John promised to send some one back with horses and food, if the stranger did not turn up within a reasonable time, and the youngsters then resumed their weary march, John almost carrying his brother.

The moon had come out and showed the boys the deeply marked road. They had but to follow the track, so it became simply a question of endurance and pluck. The simple, hardy life they had always led, and the constant exposure to heat and cold had toughened their little bodies and had given them a reserve fund of strength which now responded to the call upon their utmost powers. Strained as every faculty was, they plodded on doggedly, hour after hour. Just after midnight they topped a little rise, and involuntarily cried out in unison. There ahead of them was a blaze that gave them new life. They had reached the junction of the two trails and the camp. The wagons were drawn in a circle just as they had pictured to themselves, the camp fire was burning brightly in a shallow pit (to prevent its spread to the surrounding prairie,) and some of the men, wrapped in their blankets, were lying like long, bumpy bundles on the ground, while a bunch of mules were feeding at a little distance, guarded by the "night wrangler."

In the centre of the enclosure, where the ruddy light of the campfire brought out their anxious faces in strong relief, stood the boys' father and mother. John and Ben ran forward as fast as their tired legs could carry them. They shouted—as loud as their dry, dust-coated throats would allow.

It made them gulp simultaneously to see how the expression of the two faces changed; the woman's growing wholly tender and joyful, the man's altered to that of relief rather than joy. John knew from past experience that while the mother would be glad to comfort and caress, the father would not permit any such soft treatment. They would be lucky if they got off with a sharp rebuke.

Mrs. Worth rushed to meet them, but her husband restrained her. "You boys go over to the cook-wagon and get something to eat, then turn in. We've got to get off soon after daybreak. I'll see what you have to say for yourselves tomorrow."

The cold supper John and Ben indulged in that night would probably not interest the ordinary pet dog of your acquaintance. It consisted of cold, greasy pork and beans, poor cold coffee without milk, and soggy bread, but they thought it was food fit for the gods. Hunger satisfied and thirst quenched, they were glad enough to curl under a wagon, a blanket their only covering and a saddle for a pillow.

Before getting to sleep they heard the teamster who had befriended them come into camp; his team had revivied enough to painfully cover the remaining distance to the Worth's outfit.

They had hardly dozed off, it seemed to them, when they heard the cook's shrill call, "Grub p-i-i-ile," and knew that breakfast was ready and all hands must be astir.

After the blankets had been made into a neat roll and put away in a wagon, breakfast was despatched promptly, for cook, even on the frontier, is an autocratic person, not to be kept waiting.

The meal was much like the supper of the previous night, except that the food was hot. The boys then went down to the creek and soaked off the dust that had gathered during their long tramp. In an incredibly short time the train had broken camp and was on the move again. The cook's few dishes and pots were given a hasty rinse in the creek and packed, the mules and horses driven in, and the fresh ones harnessed and saddled. The "day wrangler" took the place of the "night wrangler," who promptly lay down in one of the wagons and went to sleep.

The procession fairly moving, John and his brother were called up to explain their absence of the afternoon and night before. This John did with fear and trembling, for he feared his father's

wrath. He got off, however, with a severe reprimand and positive orders not to go out of sight of the wagons at any time, and the boys went off congratulating themselves on their lucky escape.

All that day the caravan traveled steadily, stopping only at noon for dinner and for water. Towards evening they came near their destination, reaching a clear creek bordered with green. Up from the stream rose a hill, and half way up was a strange-looking house, part of which seemed to be buried in the side of the slope.

The boys were somewhat surprised when they were told that this was to be their home for the winter.

"Look, John," exclaimed Ben, "we're going to live in a hole in the ground."

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Spring Work on the Farm

By George W. Brown

The intelligent farmer is already at work getting the various duties about his farm shaped up for the annual spring campaign. There is no time in the year that the farm owner finds himself so thronged with work as at the opening up of spring time, and especially so if he has been negligent during the winter season. The wide awake manager about the farm, however, keeps his work well in hand and instead of his work driving him he is able to drive his work at will and in doing thus is able to accomplish much more by doing his work at the right time.

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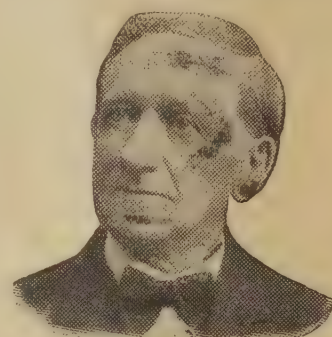
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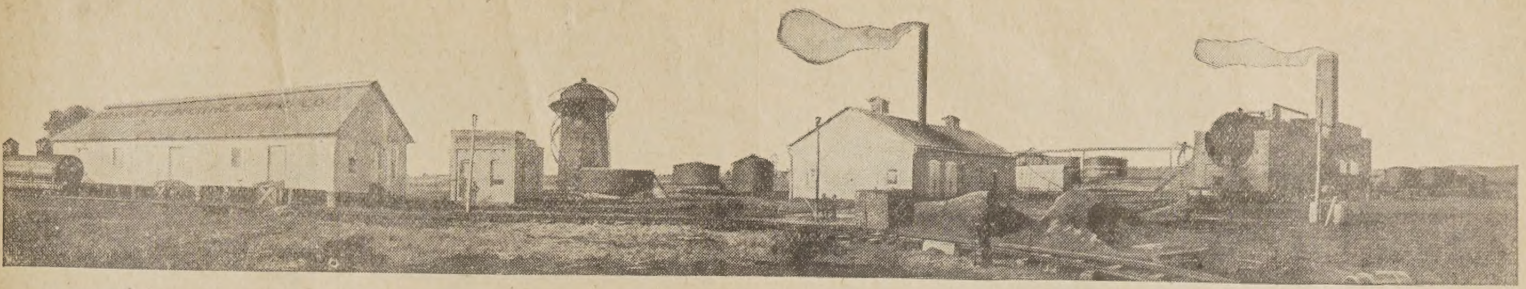
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We have organized our Company on the mutual or co-operative plan. We want men and women of **moderate means** to invest with us in a large or small way and thus feel assured that this investment is safe.

We want to give you the chance to become a partner in the profits of an industrial institution which has passed the experimental period and admit you upon a basis that you can afford to accept.

The interests of the smallest stockholders will be just as carefully guarded and preserved as the very largest. Our stock is offered on its merits to all classes of people—rich and poor alike, on such terms that they can readily see that ours is a bona fide business proposition and one that should meet with the greatest success.

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Profits and Dividends

The following calculation illustrates the profits that should be earned by our refinery when in successful operation and handling 500 barrels of crude oil per day. It will give you an idea of the excellent opportunity offered for an investment in this Company now. We have started out with the intention of making our Company a strictly co-operative enterprise, and we believe that the people should be thoroughly acquainted with the working costs as well as the profits.

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Cost at present market price of 100 barrels 29 gravity.....	70.00
Cost of refining same at 21c per barrel.....	21.00
Total cost 100 barrels.....	\$91.00
Total selling price.....	\$301.14
Less cost of product and refining.....	91.00

Estimated net profits on 100 barrels.....\$210.14

Net daily profits on 500 barrels when refinery is in full running order.....\$1,050.70

Net profits for the year based on the estimate of 313 actual working days.....\$328,869.10

From these facts and figures you can estimate the vast possibilities of this enterprise; also the present and prospective value of this stock and the dividends which may be paid, and this is only on a basis of 500 barrels daily. We expect eventually, however, to refine 5000 barrels of crude oil daily, which should mean a daily profit of over \$10,500.00, or Three Million Two Hundred and Eighty-eight Thousand and Six Hundred and Ninety dollars per year—a sum sufficient to pay over 600 per cent on the present price of the stock. If this entire amount should be distributed in dividends,

This Would Mean Your Money Back Every 60 Days

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Is it any wonder that business men and conservative investors are buying this stock?

Why Stock Is Sold

Although the main buildings have been erected and most of the equipment installed, the refinery has practically taken but its first step of advancement.

More storage tanks must be erected, more tank cars purchased and more pipe line laid to place the Company in the foremost position which we intend it shall occupy. All this takes money and lots of it.

The demand for our oil has been so much greater than we even expected, and is so overwhelmingly large that we must expand the refinery NOW to meet the demands of the public.

In order to do this with the least possible delay we have decided to offer a small allotment of shares at 15 cents above the price ought to be 50 cents or over right now.

Ours is not a rich man's company. We want to give everybody, even those with but a limited amount to invest, an opportunity to share with us in the great co-operative industry.

We want people in every section of the country, in every state, county, township, city, town and village to have a personal profitable interest in the Kansas Co-operative Refinery.

Why You Should Buy This Stock

This Company has valuable assets and is now rapidly approaching a self sustaining and profit making basis. Improvements made and other improvements rapidly being made, new buildings, more storage tanks and oil stills, additional machinery and equipment, etc., are making the stock more and more valuable every day.

Advances in price of the stock from time to time are bound to come.

This Company owns its valuable site for the refinery now nearing completion; and located right in the heart of the oil district at Chanute, with unexcelled facilities for marketing and shipping.

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The management of this Company is in the hands of men who know their business. They are all successful business men of great ability and above all have a good reputation for honesty and square dealing.

There is **no preferred stock, no bonds and no stockholders' liability.**

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There is an unlimited market for refined oil and by products. The demand in Kansas alone is more than enough to warrant the building of this great refinery.

You can buy this stock now at a very low price—so low that your chances are good to make a profit of at least 50 to 100 per cent, within a very short time, and we honestly believe that within a reasonable time that you will see this stock selling at a price that will show a profit of 400 to 500 per cent. If you cannot pay cash, take advantage of the installment plan explained below.

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Par Value \$1.00

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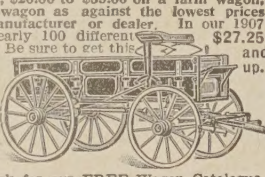
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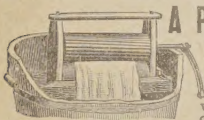
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Floral Question Box

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it in a pit during the winter. I had the box in which it was growing buried in the ground, and although it has grown nicely every year, it has not had a bloom since, and it has been ten years. I was advised to move it and did so several years ago, but still it does not bloom. I will thank you for advice about it.—Mrs. C. B. H., Va.

The trouble probably is that you have not cut the plant back. Hydrangeas blossom on the new wood and should be cut back every year to promote new growth.

Begonia Rex and Coleus

I bought Begonia Rex and Coleus seed and planted in pots, but I have never seen one come up. Please tell me how to plant them, the kind of earth and how to care for them.—W. H., Louisiana.

Begonia seeds are very small and should be sown with care. The soil should be a mixture of leaf mold and sand finely sifted. The seed may be sown in any shallow box or seed pan, using plenty of drainage material in the bottom. Scatter the seed thinly on the surface; sufficient covering will be given by simply pressing the soil down level. Keep in darkness by covering with glass or paper a few days in a temperature of not less than 70°. Watering should be done by setting the pot or box in which the seeds are sown in a dish of water, allowing the moisture to ascend through the soil. As soon as the seedlings appear, the covering should be removed, and when the little plants attain roots about one-fourth of an inch long, they can be transplanted into boxes or pots containing the same soil with the addition of a little fibrous loam. Set each plant down to the seed leaf. Never allow the soil to become dry. Transplant three or four times, increasing the amount of fibrous loam until the soil is composed of equal parts of sand, leaf mold and loam. Rex Begonias are more generally propagated by means of shoots or leaf cuttings than by seed.

Coleus seed requires the same treatment as Begonia seed. Have the soil fine and be sure that the drainage is good. Keep in a warm temperature; gentle bottom heat will be an advantage.

Clematis Paniculata

Please let me know sometime in your magazine what to do to prevent or cure this blight on my Clematis paniculata. I have had it several years and cannot get rid of many of the leaves turning brown. Very early every year I cut it to the ground, and the growth it makes seems almost incredible. The whole front of the porch is covered with a thick growth. The situation is all right and it has the best of care. I think I understand its culture very well. I have a small plant, purchased within a year or so from Vick's, and it shows no blight yet.—Mrs. M. D., Pennsylvania.

The Clematis paniculata does make an almost incredible growth during a single season. It is a beautiful vine; but where it makes a thick mat it is noticeable that the leaves on the inner branches almost invariably become brown and wither, but do not drop off. This makes the vine unsightly when used for a screen on a veranda or porch. The reason is, probably, that the leaves on these inner branches do not get sunshine or light enough, owing to the great mass of foliage above them. Thinning out the vines so that there shall not be such a mass of growth, is recommended, but, of course, that will diminish the number of blossoms. Your young plant will probably be all right until it gets old enough to make a rampant growth.

Coleus—Centaurea—Cineraria

How early should I sow seeds of Coleus, Centaurea and Cineraria to produce plants that will do for bedding out the coming summer?—Mrs. A. C. D., Illinois.

Seeds of these plants, if sown in February, should be large enough for bedding out when the proper time comes, if they are given the necessary care and attention. But we doubt if they will be as satisfactory as plants procured from the florist all ready for setting out. To make a symmetrical bed, the plants should be about of a size and quite stocky. Purely ornamental beds of set design are far less popular than they were a few years ago. Foliage plants have given way to flowering plants, and the change, to most minds, is decidedly for the better.

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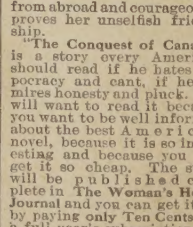


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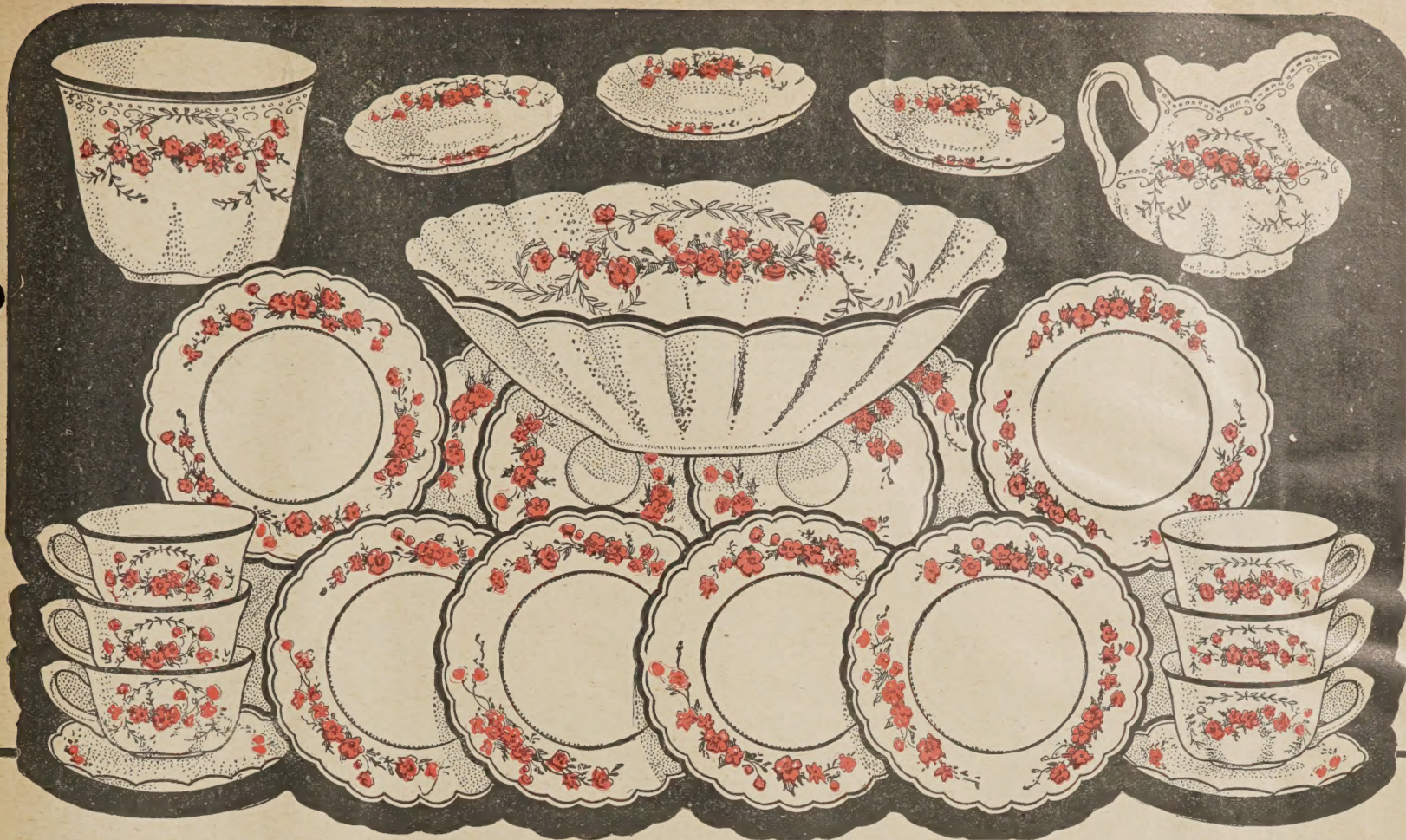
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HERE are the pictures. We illustrate herewith one of the fourteen pictures that you are to introduce. The reproduction can give but a faint idea of the beauty of these pictures with their many colors and artistic designs. They are pictures fit for the most refined home.



If, as we suggest, you will hang a few of the pictures in your parlor and show them to your visitors, the full size dinner set and hand decorated motto plate will be yours in a few hours' time. Here are a few letters received recently:

PRINCETON, WIS., Dec. 16, 1906
DEAR SIR: I have received the Dinner Set. To say that I am delighted with it would be putting it mildly. I am more than pleased with it. Do not see how you can afford to give away such fine premiums. Any time I can aid you again I will be delighted to do so. Will show it to my neighbors and tell them about it.
Truly yours, HULDA REETZ.

MYRA, TEXAS, NOV. 23, 1906
DEAR SIR: Have just received my Dinner Set. To say that I am delighted with it would be putting it mildly. I am more than pleased with it. Do not see how you can afford to give away such fine premiums. Any time I can aid you again I will be delighted to do so. Will show it to my neighbors and tell them about it.
Gratefully yours MRS. J. E. DUGGAN.

ARBOR HILL, IA., Nov. 30, 1906
DEAR SIR: I received my Dinner Set yesterday. Received safe—not a piece broken. I would not take many times the cost of it. It is just lovely. Allow me to express my thanks. Please send me another dozen of pictures and also a premium list.
Yours respectfully, Mr. Frank Murphy.

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For a limited time we are willing to introduce these pictures on a special arrangement, only 25c being collected with each picture, and we want you as our agent to help us.

You need not send us any money. Send your name and address and we will send you prepaid fourteen (14) of the pictures complete. Remember, we send all the pictures prepaid.

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HOW CAN WE HUMBUG YOU?

You Don't Pay A Cent

Until you are sure, know that we send it to us. Vita-Ore has to lose all. We match must expect pay for it, better, strong.

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If you see, until you feel, until you get a penny from you until you work, until you are willing to have earned it of you as pay for what you. We take all the risk—we stand no risk—you cannot lose anything. **Try against your ailment.** You positive, visible good before you know it has helped you; you must feel, from using it.

You Don't Be the Judge

You don't have been do work has no for it—No, you can easily j better, if you pain you, I heart does. organs are acting better, to your body.

promises, you pay for only hat for the work, not words, and if the to your satisfaction, you don't pay You are to be the judge, and you know if you feel better, if you sleep er, more active, if your limbs do not ach does not trouble you, if your pu. You know whether or not your whether or not health is returning to your body.

If You Cannot See It

If you cannot feel it, if you cannot be sure of it—that ends the matter and you pay nothing. How can we humbug you when you alone have the entire "say so"? How can you hesitate to accept our offer immediately if you are ailing and need help? What excuse have you? Read the offer and do not delay another day before writing for a package on trial. **Start your cure immediately.**

Our 30-Day Trial Offer

If You Are Sick we want to send you a full sized \$1.00 package of Vita-Ore, enough for 30 days' continuous treatment, by mail, postpaid, and we want to send it to you on 30 days' trial. We don't want a penny—we just want you to try it, just want a letter from you asking for it, and will be glad to send it to you. We take absolutely all the risk—we take all chances. You don't risk a penny! All we ask is that you use V.-O. for 30 days and pay us \$1.00 if it has helped you, if you are satisfied that it has done you more than \$1.00 worth of positive, actual, visible good. Otherwise you pay nothing, we ask nothing, we want nothing. Can you not spare 100 minutes during the next 30 days to try it? Can you not give 5 minutes to write for it, 5 minutes to properly prepare it upon its arrival, and 3 minutes each day for 30 days to use it. That is all it takes. Cannot you give 100 minutes time if it means new health, new strength, new blood, new force, new energy, vigor, life and happiness? You are to be the judge. We are satisfied with your decision, are perfectly willing to trust to your honor, to your judgment, as to whether or not V.-O. has benefited you. Read what V.-O. is, and write today for a dollar package on this most liberal trial offer.

WHAT VITAE-ORE IS.

Vitae-Ore is a mineral remedy, a combination of substances from which many world's noted curative springs derive medicinal power and healing virtue. These properties of the springs come from the natural deposits of mineral in the earth through which water forces its way, only a very small proportion of the medicinal substances in these mineral deposits being thus taken up by the liquid. Vita-Ore consists of compounds of Iron, Sulphur and Magnesium, elements which are among the chief curative agents in nearly every healing mineral spring, and are necessary for the creation and retention of health. One package of this mineral substance, mixed with a quart of water, equals in medicinal strength and curative, healing value, many gallons of the world's powerful mineral waters, drunk fresh at the springs.

Suffered for Seven Long Years

Vitae-Ore Saved Her Life—Is Now Well

BAXTER, Mo.—I take pleasure in telling what Vitae-Ore has accomplished for me. I had suffered seven years with a severe



Stomach Disorder and Indigestion, the trouble dating from the year 1897, and have doctored and used patent medicines all the time. I began a treatment with Vita-Ore some time ago, and have at this time taken in all four packages, and feel almost as well as I ever did in all my life. I do hope that all suffering women can be induced to try this wonderful medicine as I did, and

be cured as I have. If it was not for V. O., I surely would not have lived much longer, as I had about given up all hopes, but now I feel that life is worth living—I am so well and cheerful. I recommend it among my friends, finding it a great pleasure to do so, and feeling that it is my duty as a recompense in some measure for the great good it has done for me, after every other treatment I had used failed to cure me. I know that Vitae-Ore is what it is claimed to be, and I only wish that every afflicted person would give it a trial.

SARAH A. CHAPPELL.

THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE

and curing such diseases as Rheumatism, Kidney, Bladder and Liver Diseases, Dropsy, Stomach Disorders, Female Ailments, Functional Heart Trouble, Catarrh of any part, Nervous Prostration, Anaemia, Sores and Ulcers, and worn out, debilitated conditions.

In all parts of the United States and Canada have testified to the efficacy of Vitae-Ore in relieving

Husband and Wife Cured

It is Stubborn Cases Like These Which Prove Its Powers

NEWPORT, R. I. For forty years I suffered with Rheumatism and for sixteen years I was subject to Fainting Spells followed by Dizziness; for seven years I had Itching Piles. I also had a continued recurrence of a Stomach Disorder and could not retain my food. I was a weak, helpless wreck when I began using Vita-Ore, but it needed only two weeks' use to cause a marked improvement in my case. I have now used five packages in all and my Rheumatism has been entirely cured.



The Piles, Fainting Spells and Stomach Trouble disappeared months ago and have not returned. I spent hundreds of dollars for medicine and got no results until I used Vita-Ore, therefore I cannot praise it enough. I also wish to mention the case of my wife who suffered with Rheumatism, Piles and Protrusion. One package of Vita-Ore relieved her greatly and after a few months' use of it she was well and remains so.

REUBEN M. MORSE.

Make the Effort That Cures

Nothing is so pitiable to witness as wrongly applied effort, particularly so when the effort thus put forward is earnest and persistent, of a kind that, placed in the proper channel, would be productive of the results sought after. Especially is this true of the attempts of sick and ailing people to secure a cure for their ills, many wasting some of the best years of their lives in an effort along the wrong direction, lives that are made miserable by a protracted disorder that apparently defies all efforts to eradicate it. They will apply themselves diligently to the treatment, will follow it and dose themselves day after day with a determination and spirit that is, indeed, commendable, but the effort is misdirected and nothing but additional and prolonged distress comes of it.

The trouble is, that they are treating the SYMPTOMS, the external evidences of a disturbance within, and not the CAUSE which brings it about. They deaden the immediate discomfort by drugging with narcotics and preparations which depend for temporary efficacy upon a narcotic influence and are doing nothing to get at the fountain head of the trouble, which remains in its seat, undisturbed and unconquered. Thus it is that the treatment is kept up, week in and week out, month after month, year after year, the sufferer always seeking a cure and not realizing that what he is seeking lies in an entirely different direction. Doctors diagnose the case, question as to the symptoms and treat the symptom instead of investigating for the cause, and having discovered it, taking proper steps to remove the wrong condition which makes it possible. Patent medicines, too, are placed on the market and advertised to treat the symptoms, to relieve this and that outward manifestation of an inward abnormality, while the CAUSE goes merrily on, causing more and more symptoms as time progresses, more work for the doctors and more sales for these so-called medicines.

Vitae-Ore treats the CAUSE, not the symptoms. It gets into the veins, courses through the vital organs, doing its good work in each, setting each to rights and by so doing removes the inward disorder itself. It is a CURE and not merely a check for a time upon the outward physical manifestation of that disorder. This is one of the reasons for the absoluteness and permanency of its cures, the principal reason for the wise question as to the symptoms to disappear. Many different symptoms and local disturbances can be attributed to one particular lesion, one fundamental lack of functional activity that is primarily alike in many separate cases, accounting for the ease with which Vitae-Ore effaces such different symptoms by the removal of these underlying and controlling causes.

It is easy to cure ordinary, simple disorders. Most any ordinary medicine will. Extraordinary diseases, that defy ordinary treatments, require an extraordinary remedy to vanquish them. Vita-Ore is an extraordinary medicine, and its reputation is built upon its achievements where "ordinary" treatments failed even to benefit.

Cures Stomach Trouble

SOUTH BEND, IND.—I suffered terribly with Stomach Trouble for over fourteen years and for the last six years was unable to do any housework whatever. I was induced to try Vita-Ore, and since taking it I feel like a different person and am now able to attend to all my household duties. V.-O. has brought me back to health and I would not do without it in the house. Mrs. JOHN REEDER, 620 W. Water St.

Cures Bright's Disease

MARYSVILLE, CAL.—My mother was afflicted with what the doctors called Bright's Disease for about six or seven years; was attended all of that time by physicians. She was finally given up to die and at this time was induced to try Vita-Ore. To our surprise and great joy she was cured sound and well by the use of three packages. JOHN WILLIAMS.

Health IS WORTH TRYING FOR!

It is worth writing for. It is worth getting out pen, ink, paper and envelope, and writing us:

"I am sick. I need Vita-Ore or something that will cure me. I have seen your trial offer. Send me a dollar package. I will use it and pay the dollar if I find it has helped me. I will not pay one penny if it does not help me."

That is all it takes. Just a letter asking for it, just your promise to use it. What excuse have you to keep on suffering? How can you continue to look your family in the face and say: "I feel so sick today" or "My back aches" or "That rheumatic leg is getting worse" or "My stomach is bothering me again" when here, right at your elbow, right within your reach, ready and waiting for you to turn and get it, is the thing that has set thousands right, yours for the mere asking.

WRITE FOR IT TODAY

READ THE TESTIMONY. Read it again and again. No stronger words have ever been written about any other medicine; no better expressions are truthfully commanded by any other treatment. Vitae-Ore is as different from other remedies as is pure milk from chalk and water, or the sunlight from a tallow candle. It does not take FAITH, does not take CONFIDENCE, does not take BELIEF, does not take even HOPE to cure with Vita-Ore. It takes only a trial—all we ask. THIS MEDICINE ENTERS THE VEINS OF THE SICK AND SUFFERING PERSON AND CURES whether the sufferer believes in it or not, whether he wants it or no. Its substances enter the blood, the vital organs, and WORK, WORK, WORK—a work that cures.

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